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From spring through the beginning of summer, I went through unbelievably busy days, the likes of which I've never seen before. Before I knew it, midsummer had arrived, and now the entire summer has passed.

Truly, every day I feel like I'm scrambling through time at mach or light speed, right alongside Seiya and the rest of the Knights.

It's not quite like the old saying, "Time flies like an arrow," but perhaps one day, when I look up, I'll have become an old man without noticing...

Masami Kurumada-1988



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## Death Match in the Master's Chamber!

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DRAGON
SHIRYÛ
PHOENIX IKKI
PEGASUS
SEIYA
SWAN
HYÔGA
ANDROMEDA
SHUN













TO CREATE WARRIORS STRONG ENOUGH TO PROTECT PRINCESS SIENNA, THE HUMAN INCARNATION OF THE GODDESS ATHENA, LORD NOBU OF THE GRANDE FOUNDATION SENT 100 CHILDREN OUT INTO THE WORLD TO TRAIN AS KNIGHTS. FIVE OF THESE CHILDREN--SEIYA, HYÔGA, SHIRYÛ, SHUN AND IKKI--HAVE SUCCEEDED BRILLIANTLY IN THEIR TRAINING AND BECOME BRONZE KNIGHTS.

THE BRONZE KNIGHTS ACCOMPANY PRINCESS SIENNA TO SANCTUARY, HEADQUARTERS OF ALL KNIGHTHOOD, WHERE THEY PLAN TO CONFRONT THE MYSTERIOUS MASTER OF SANCTUARY. AT THE ENTRANCE TO SANCTUARY, HOWEVER, PRINCESS SIENNA IS MORTALLY WOUNDED BY A POISONED ARROW. THE KNIGHTS ARE TOLD THAT ONLY THE MASTER HAS THE POWER TO HEAL PRINCESS SIENNA. TO REACH HIM, THE KNIGHTS MUST PASS THROUGH THE TWELVE PALACES OF SANCTUARY, EACH OF WHICH IS GUARDED BY A GOLD KNIGHT.

THE BRONZE KNIGHTS FIGHT THEIR WAY THROUGH THE PALACES, DEFEATING ONE GOLD KNIGHT AFTER ANOTHER. IKKI DISAPPEARS WHILE LOCKED IN A FIERCE BATTLE WITH THE GOLD KNIGHT SHAKA. SHIRYÛ AND THE GOLD KNIGHT SHURA ARE REDUCED TO SPACE DUST IN THE COURSE OF THEIR BATTLE. HYÔGA AND THE GOLD KNIGHT CAMUS KILL ONE ANOTHER. NOW THE LAST SURVIVING KNIGHT, WHO GUARDS THIS PALACE, APPEARS BEFORE THEM...

# THE STORY THUS FAR

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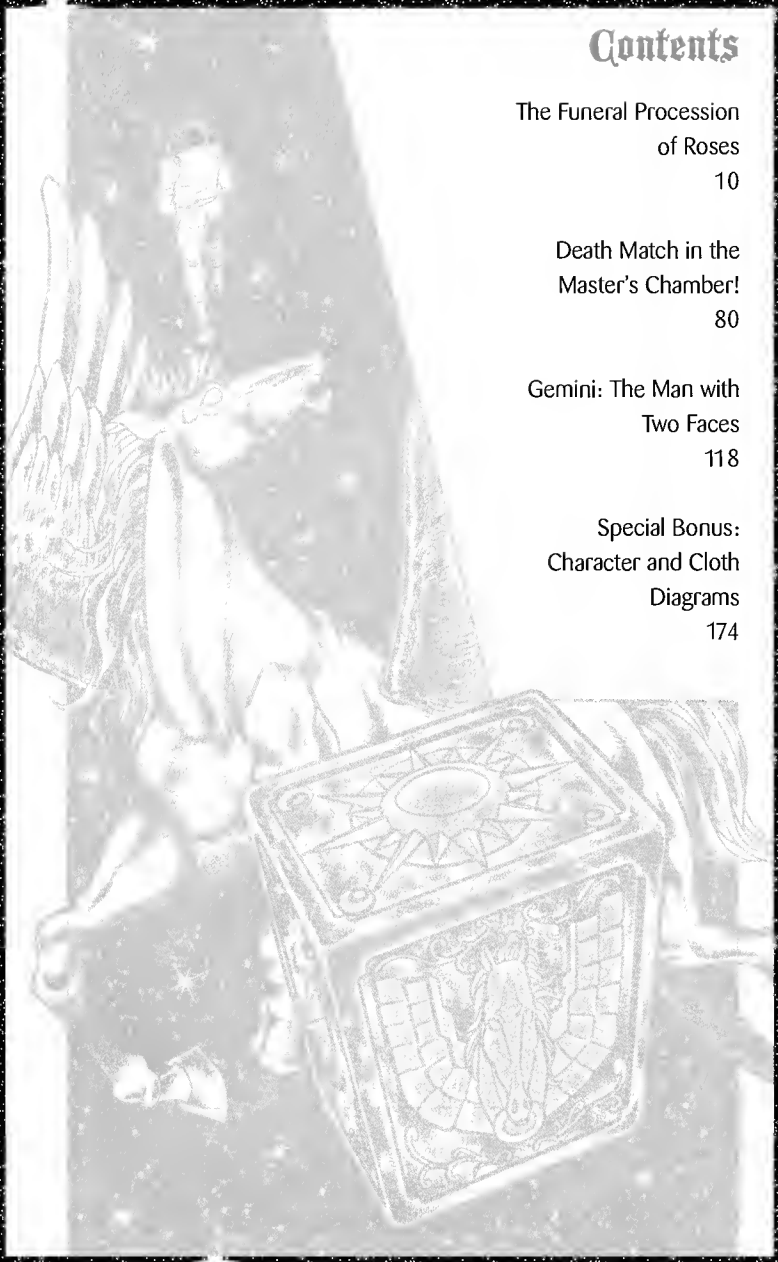
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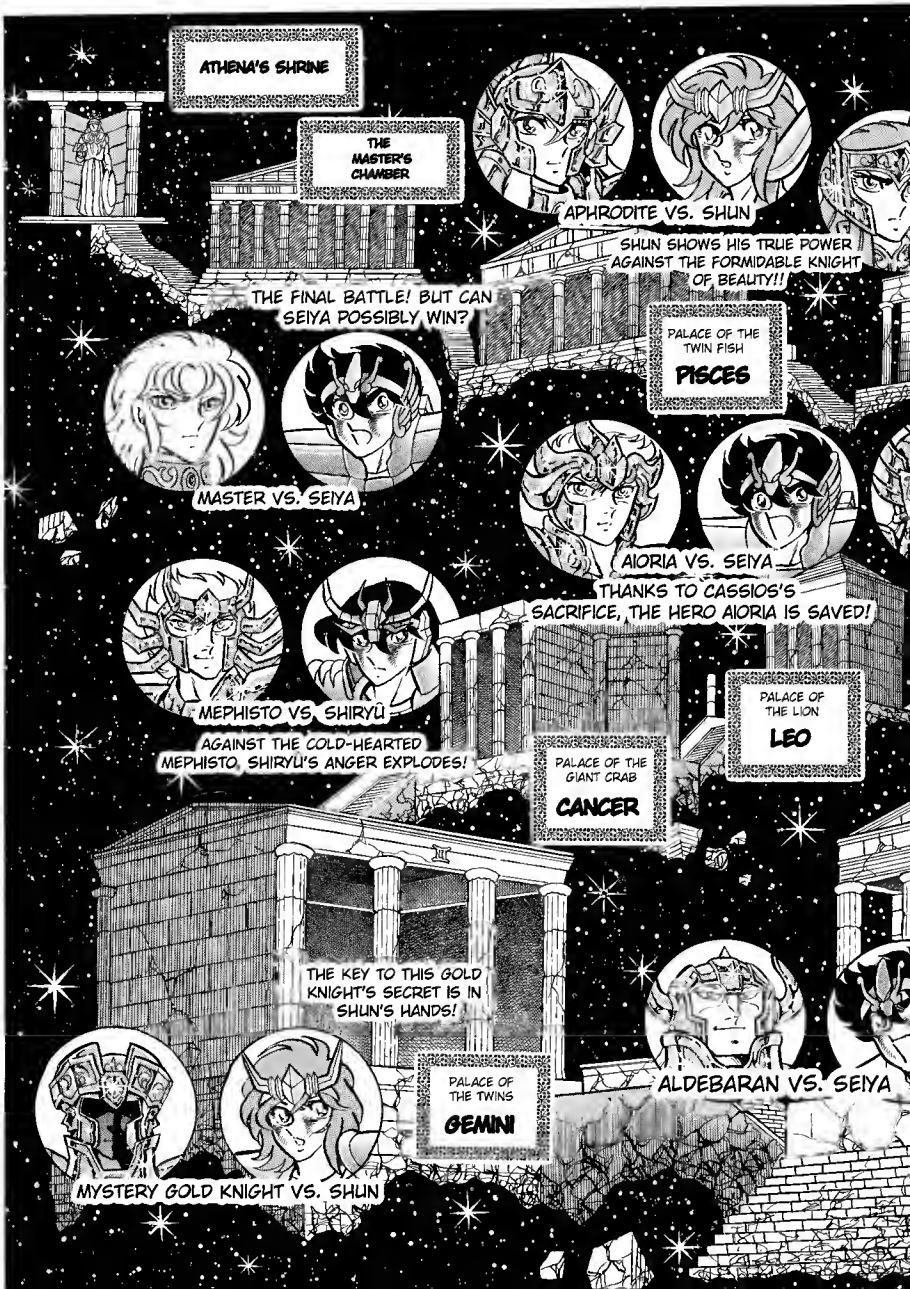



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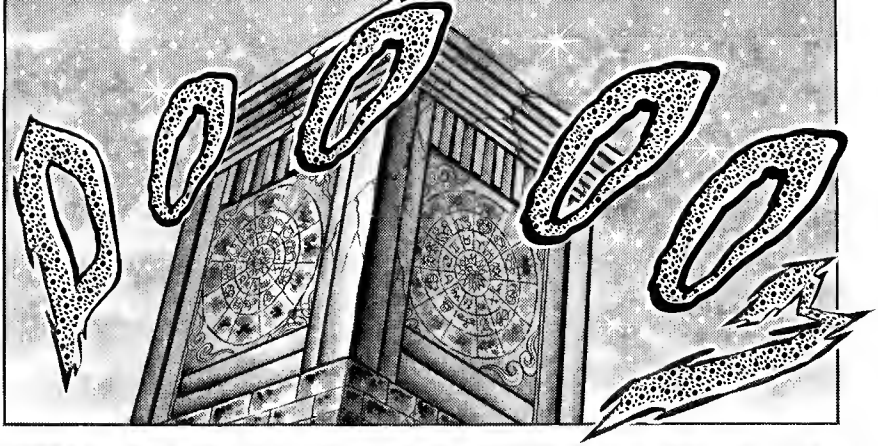
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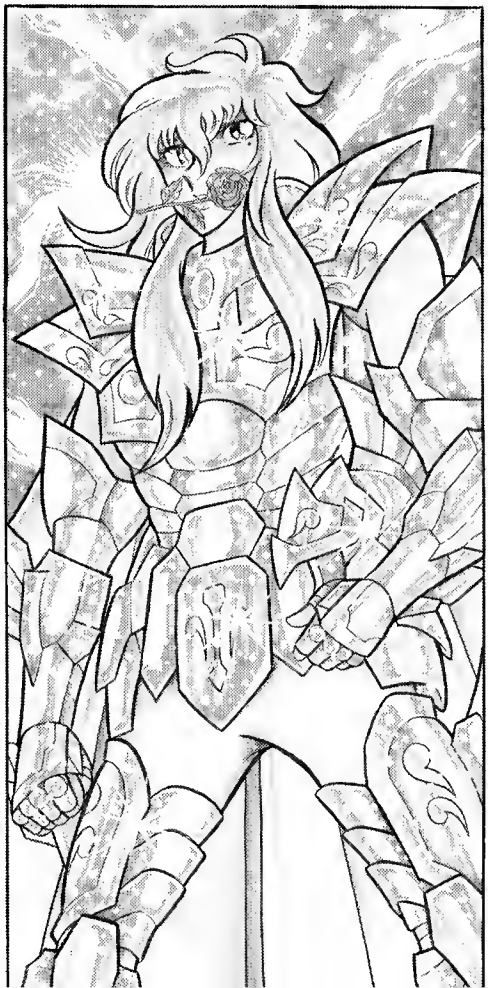
# THE TWELVE GOLD PALACES




THE FUNERAL PROCESSION OF ROSES


DOOOOH


SO THAT'S PISCES APHRODITE. IS HE REALLY A MAN?
HURRY ON TO THE MASTER'S CHAMBER, SEIYA!

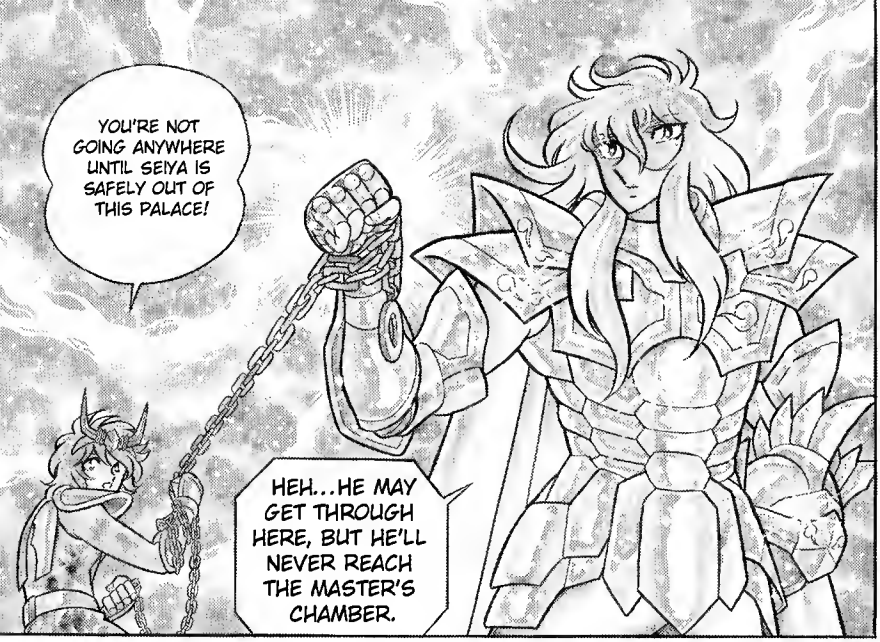



I DON'T LIKE THOSE KINDS OF COMMENTS.


BUT IF I HAD HELP DEFEATING APHRODITE, I COULD NO LONGER THINK OF MYSELF AS A MAN. I HAVE TO AVENGE MY MASTER BY MY OWN POWER...
COMMENTS LIKE, "A REAL MAN DOES THIS," OR, "A REAL MAN DOES THAT."
SEIYA, RUN AHEAD TO THE MASTER'S CHAMBER! I'LL FOLLOW AS SOON AS I CAN.
OKAY, SHUN.

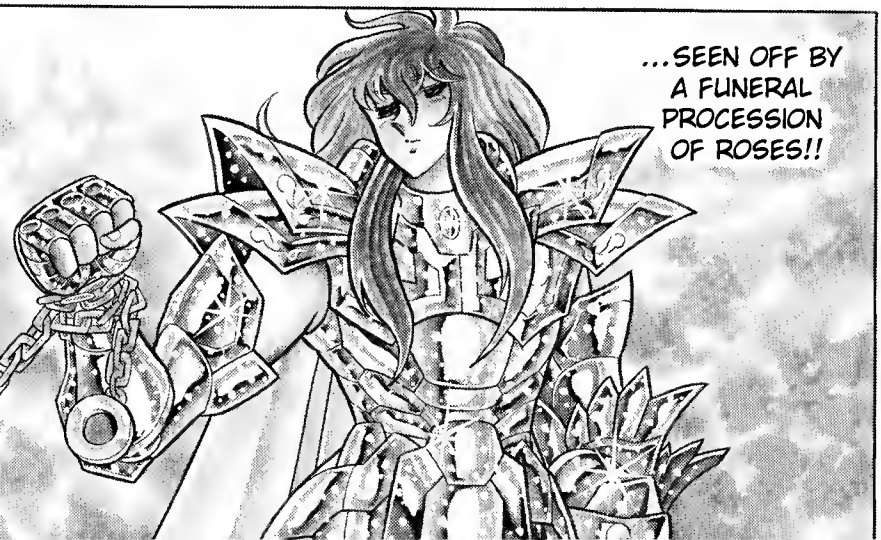

I'LL GO, BUT I MAY BE DONE WITH THE MASTER BY THE TIME YOU GET THERE!
GOOD!
SORRY, BUT I'M JUST PASSING THROUGH!


SWASH
PUF
HEY!
GOODBYE, PISCES!
THUD
ALIANS


YOU'RE NOT GOING ANYWHERE UNTIL SEIYA IS SAFELY OUT OF THIS PALACE!
HEH...HE MAY GET THROUGH HERE, BUT HE'LL NEVER REACH THE MASTER'S CHAMBER.

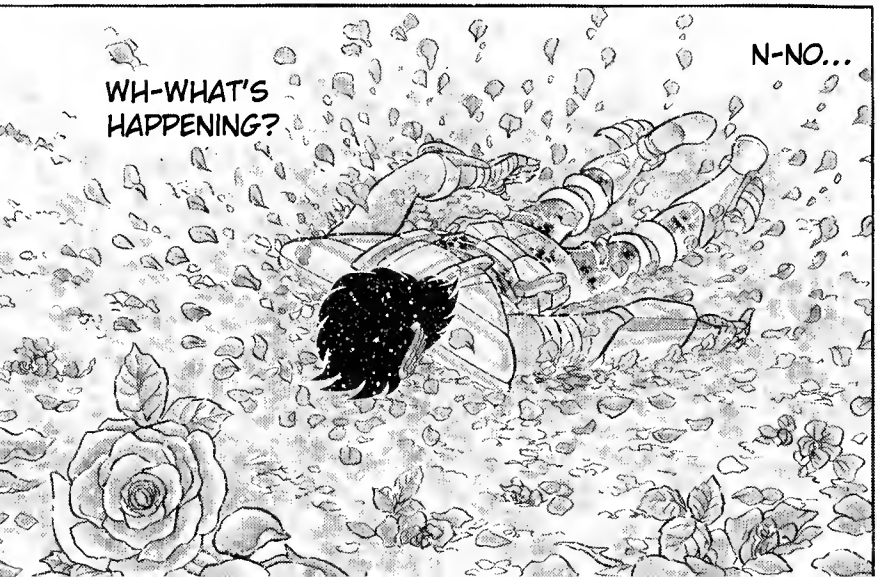

PEGASUS WILL DIE ALONG THE WAY...


WHAT!?


...SEEN OFF BY A FUNERAL PROCESSION OF ROSES!!


THE PATH THAT WINDS UP TO THE MASTER'S CHAMBER...
ROSES! IT'S COMPLETELY BLANKETED IN THORNY ROSES!
UGH...BUT A LITTLE SHRUBBERY'S NOT GOING TO STOP ME!
TMP
KRUNCH
SWASS
UNH!
SSSS
WHASH


I'M TINGLING ALL OVER.. I-I'M LOSING CONSCIOUS-NESS...
WHAT THE...? SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT...

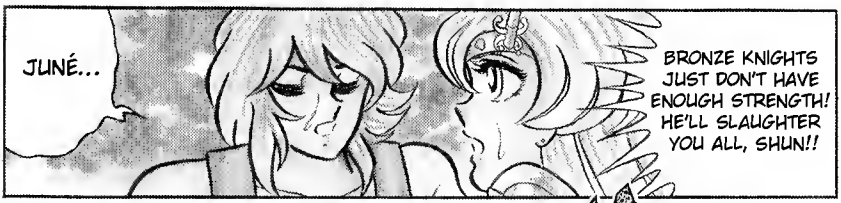

WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING?
N-NO...


WHAT?
THOSE ARE NO ORDINARY ROSES. THEY'RE DEMON ROSES, AND THEIR POISON IS DEADLY. IN ANCIENT TIMES, THEY WERE PLANTED IN PALACE GARDENS TO THWART INTRUDERS.
INHALING THEIR POLLEN OR BRUSHING AGAINST THEIR THORNS CAUSES THE SENSES TO SHUT DOWN, AND EVENTUALLY KILLS. PEGASUS WON'T MAKE IT PAST A DOZEN PACES...HA HA HA...
SEIYA!!
WHOA, THERE! I THOUGHT YOU WERE GOING TO FIGHT ME, ANDROMEDA.
YOU YAMMERED SOMETHING ABOUT REVENGE.
GL
ARE
THAT'S RIGHT.

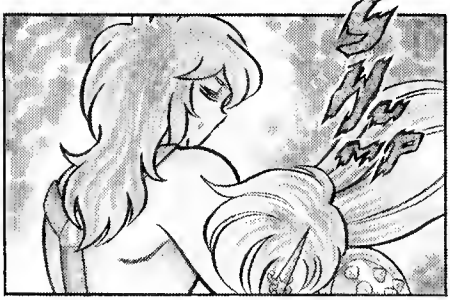

HMM, I DO SEEM TO REMEMBER SOMETHING LIKE THAT... HEH...
YOU KILLED MY MASTER, CEPHEUS DIDAROS OF ANDROMEDA ISLAND!
CEPHEUS OF ANDROMEDA ISLAND?
APPARENTLY HE WAS WELL-LIKED BY MANY KNIGHTS FOR HIS SINCERITY AND STRENGTH...
...BUT HE LACKED THE PROPER RESPECT FOR SANCTUARY. HE DIDN'T RESPOND TO THE MASTER'S SUMMONS FOR MANY LONG YEARS, SO I EXECUTED HIM AT THE MASTER'S ORDER.
YES, I TOPPLED THE SILVER CEPHEUS KNIGHT.

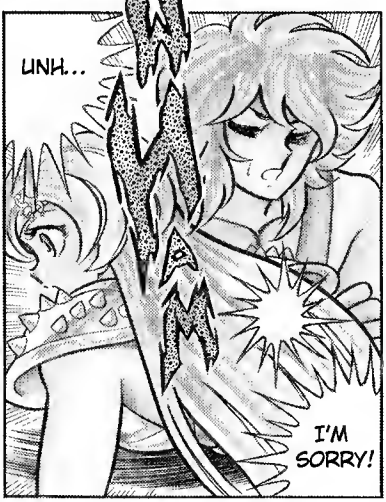

IT'S TRUE! EVEN MIGHTY MASTER DIDAROS WAS PRACTICALLY HELPLESS AGAINST THIS APHRODITE. PLEASE DON'T GO AFTER HIM!
I-IS IT TRUE, JUNÉ!?


DIDAROS WAS KILLED BY AN ASSASSIN FROM SANCTUARY? A MAN CALLED PISCES APHRODITE?

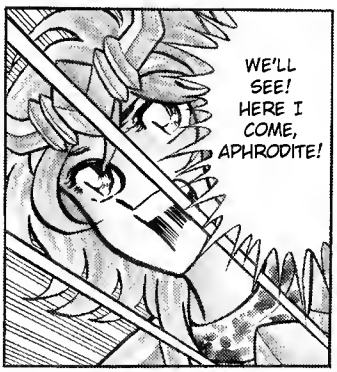

JUNÉ...
BRONZE KNIGHTS JUST DON'T HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH! HE'LL SLAUGHTER YOU ALL, SHUN!!

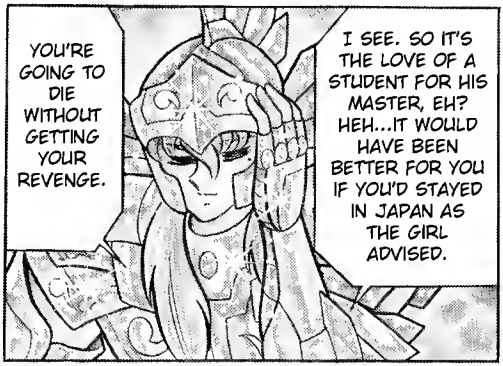

SH-SHUN...




UNH...
I'M SORRY!


BESIDES, NOW THAT I KNOW THE MAN WHO STRUCK DOWN DIDAROS IS ONE OF THE GOLD KNIGHTS WHO SUPPORT THE MASTER, I HAVE TO GO. I SWORE TO AVENGE HIM!
I'M SORRY, JUNÉ. I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN, BUT I'VE ALREADY DECIDED TO GO TO SANCTUARY AND FIGHT FOR PRINCESS SIENNA... FOR ATHENA.


WE'LL SEE! HERE I COME, APHRODITE!


YOU'RE GOING TO DIE WITHOUT GETTING YOUR REVENGE.
I SEE. SO IT'S THE LOVE OF A STUDENT FOR HIS MASTER, EH? HEH...IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER FOR YOU IF YOU'D STAYED IN JAPAN AS THE GIRL ADVISED.


NEBULA CHAINS!
HA! YOU SILLY FOOL!
YOU ACTUALLY THOUGHT THESE PALTRY THINGS WOULD WORK AGAINST ME?

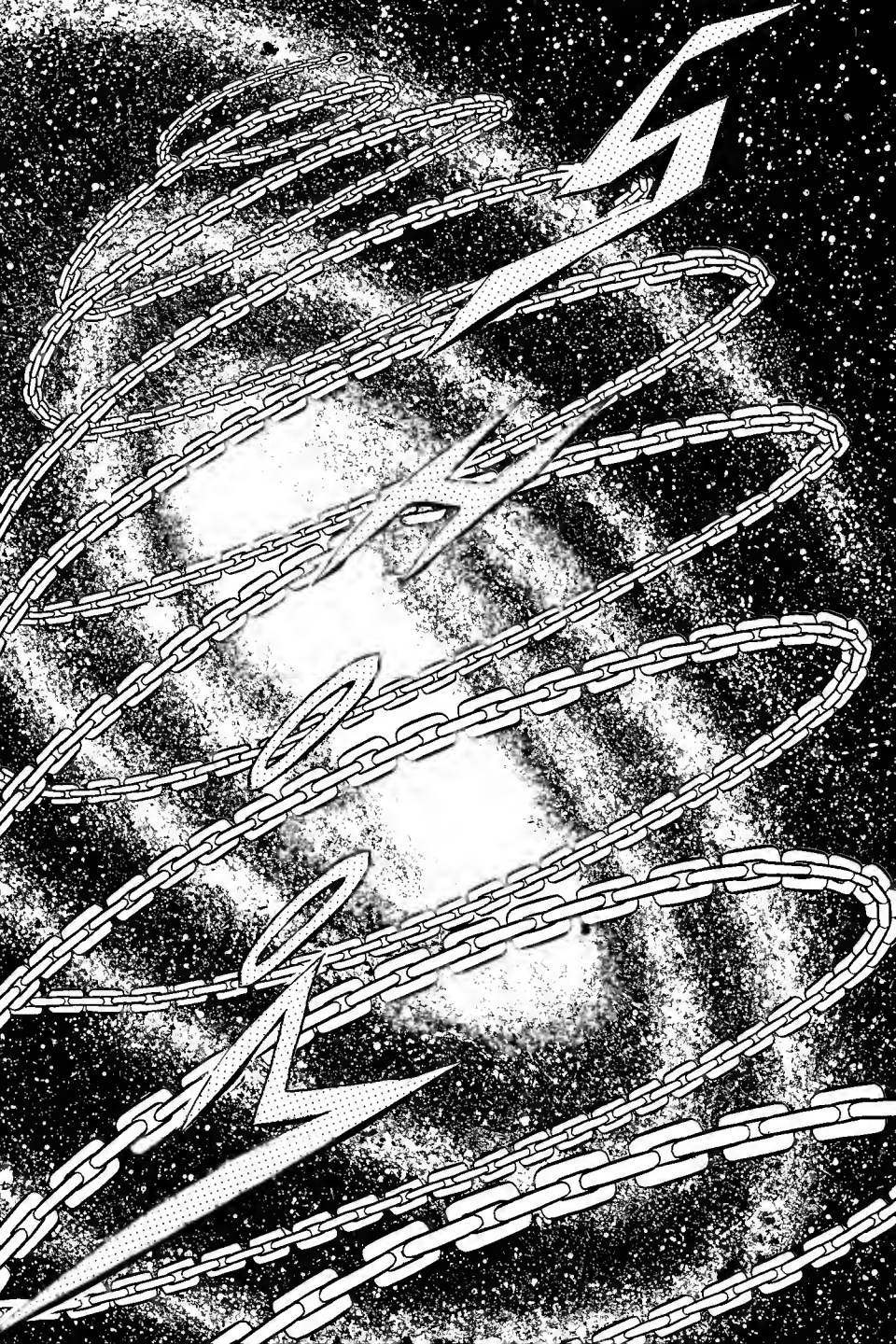

WAAH!!
NOW YOU WILL SUCCUMB TO THE PERFUME OF THE DEMON ROSES, JUST AS SEIYA DID!
UNH!


ROYAL
DEMON
ROSES!!

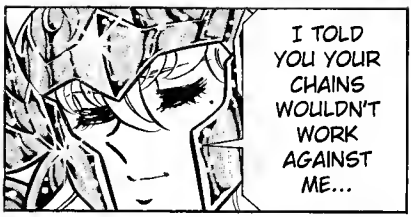

AAAAAH!!

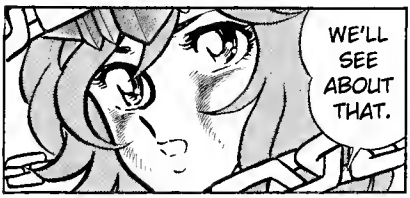

SHEEN
BUT YOU WON'T SUFFER. YOU'LL DIE PLEASANTLY INTOXICATED.
AS I SAID, ONE WHIFF OF THE POLLEN OF THE DEMON ROSES, AND YOUR SENSES WILL START TO DIM!
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
BEFORE WE PARTED WAYS, I MADE A PROMISE TO MY BROTHER ...
I'M NO COWARD, GIVING MYSELF OVER TO A PLEASANT DEATH!
WHY BOTHER TO RISE, ANDROMEDA?
JUST CLOSE YOUR EYES LIKE A GOOD BOY, AND YOU CAN AVOID THE TERROR OF DEATH.

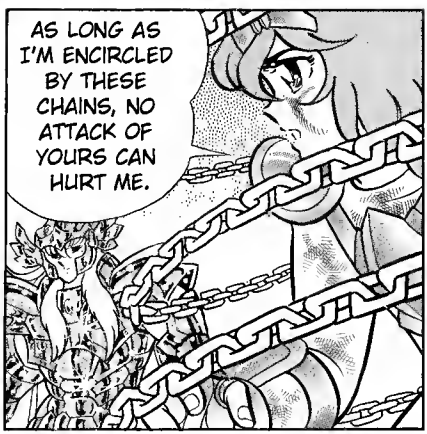

NOW I WILL SHOW YOU MY TRUE STRENGTH, APHRODITE!!
...THAT I WOULD FIGHT TO THE BITTER END LIKE A MAN!!



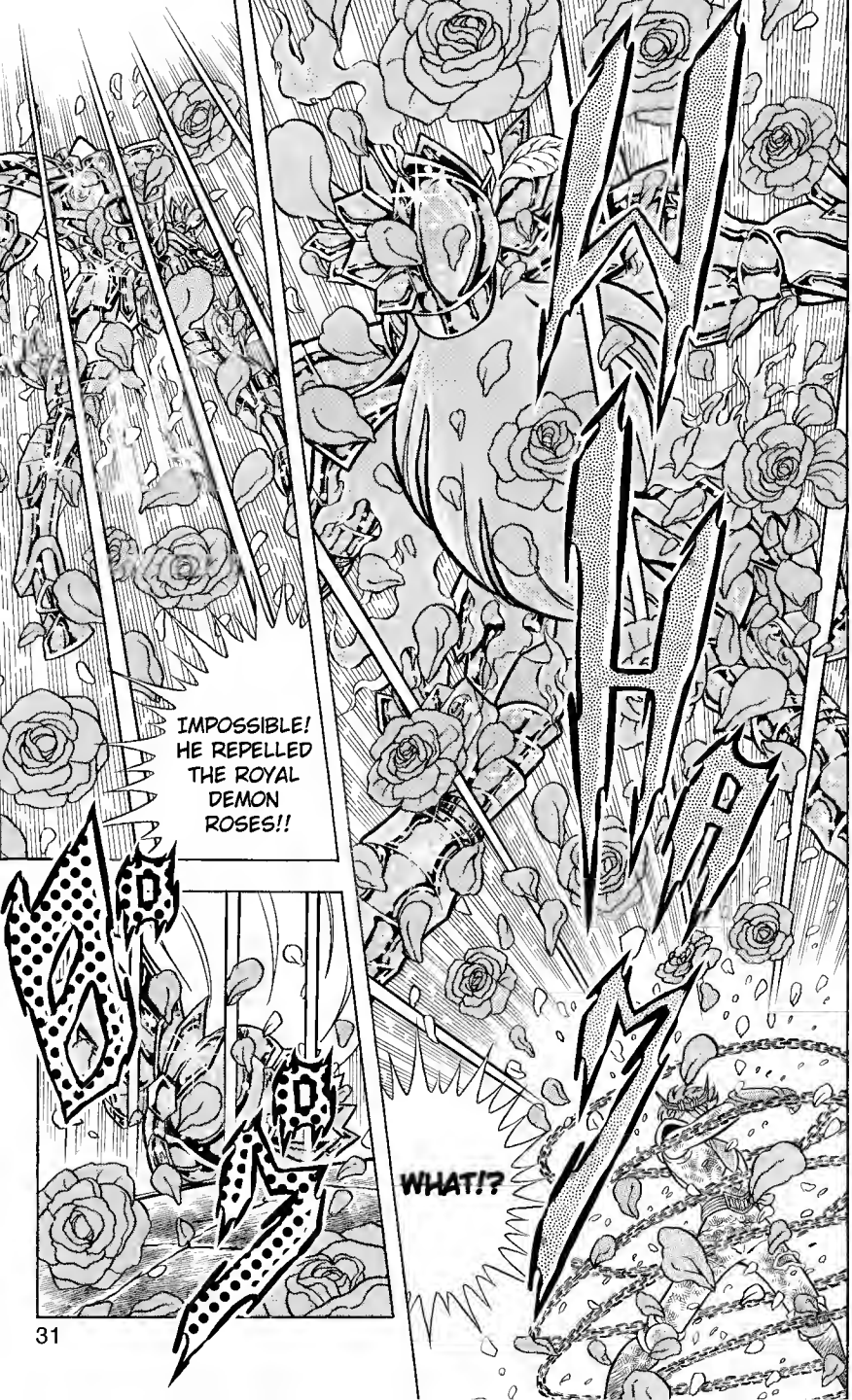


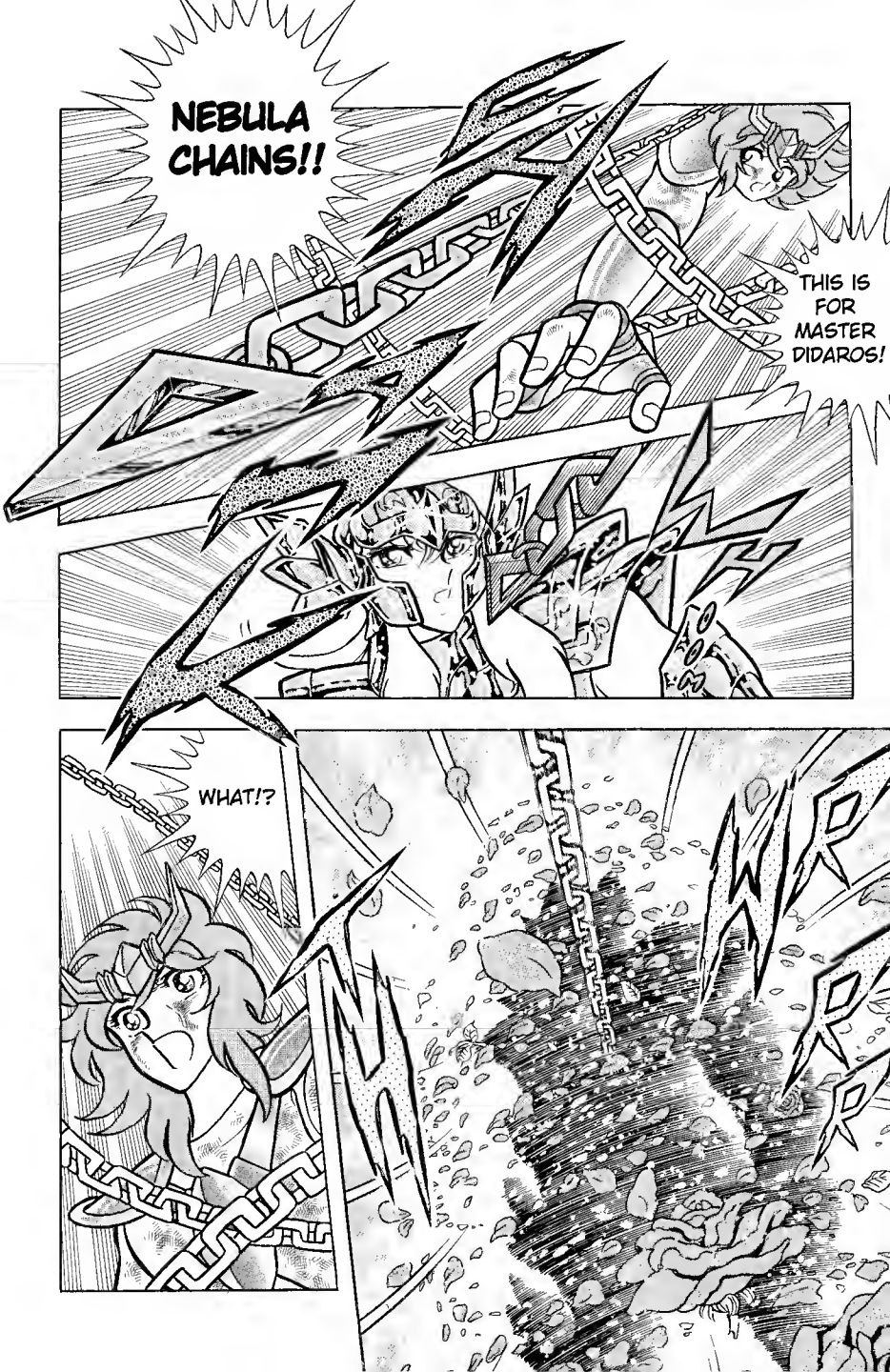

I TOLD YOU YOUR CHAINS WOULDN'T WORK AGAINST ME...

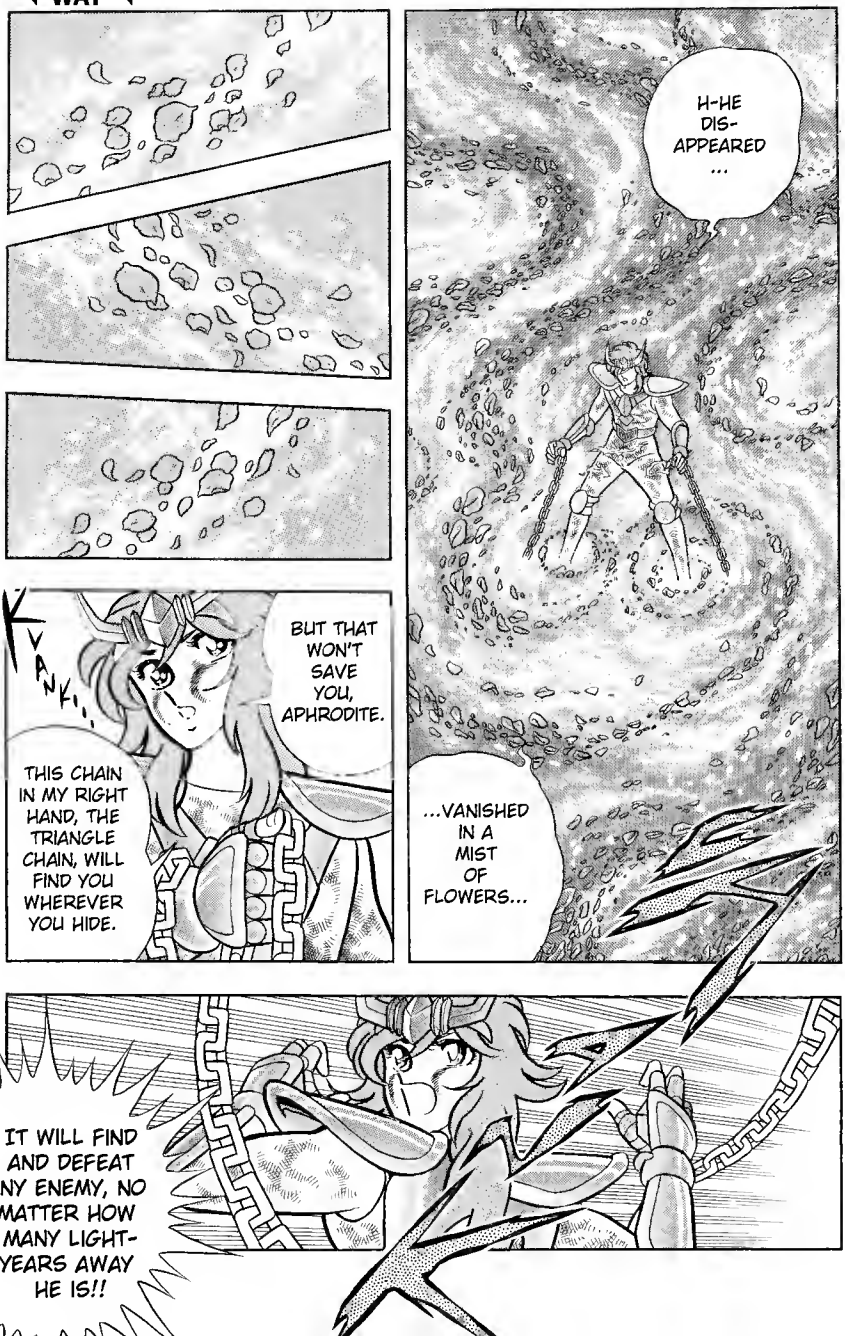

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT.


AS LONG AS I'M ENCIRCLED BY THESE CHAINS, NO ATTACK OF YOURS CAN HURT ME.


WELL, THEN, BE BATHED IN PETALS ONCE AGAIN!!
ROYAL DEMON ROSES!!
PROTECT ME, MY CHAINS!
AH!
ROLLING DEFENSE!!

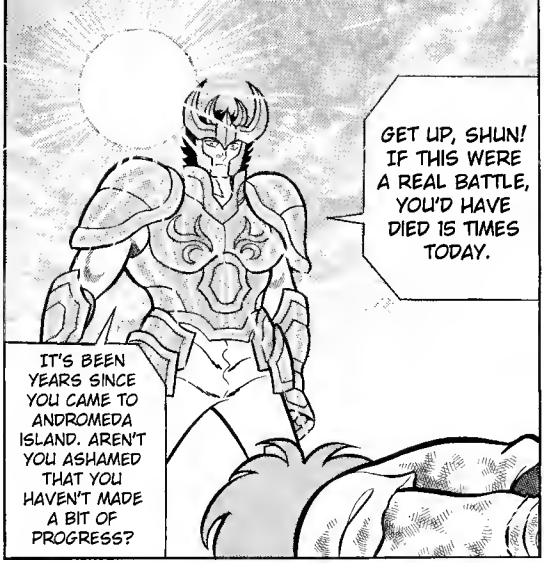

IMPOSSIBLE! HE REPELLED THE ROYAL DEMON ROSES!!
WHAT!?

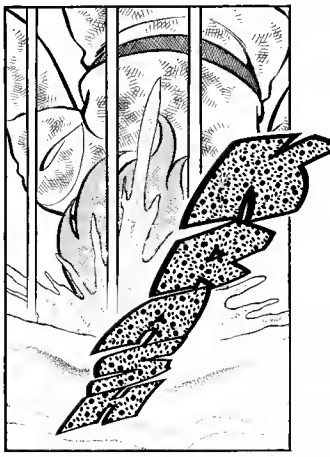

NEBULA CHAINS!!
THIS IS FOR MASTER DIDAROS!
WHAT!?

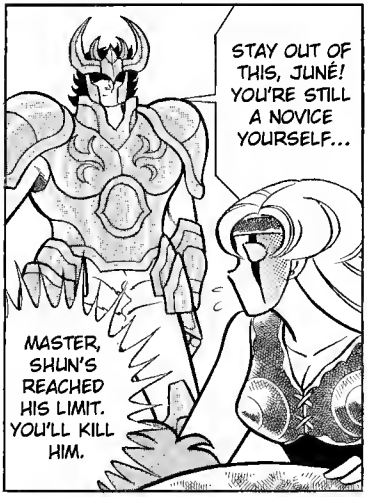

H-HE DIS-APPEARED ...
...VANISHED IN A MIST OF FLOWERS...
VANK!
BUT THAT WON'T SAVE YOU, APHRODITE.
THIS CHAIN IN MY RIGHT HAND, THE TRIANGLE CHAIN, WILL FIND YOU WHEREVER YOU HIDE.
IT WILL FIND AND DEFEAT ANY ENEMY, NO MATTER HOW MANY LIGHT-YEARS AWAY HE IS!!

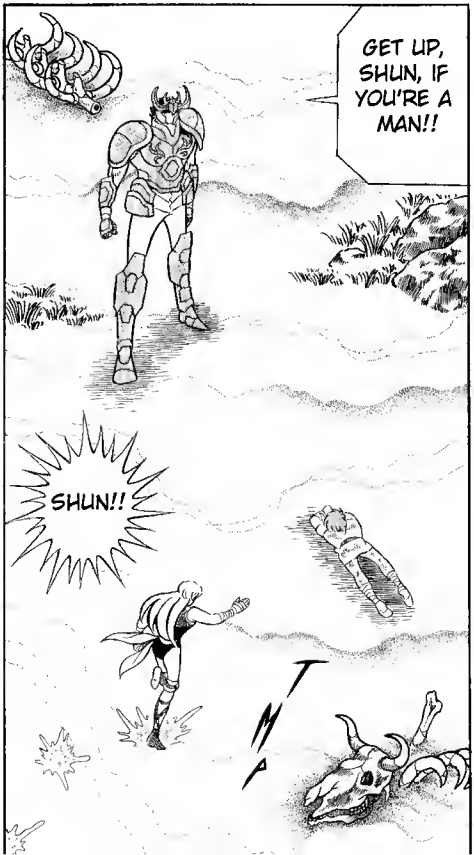

GO!
THUNDER
WAVE!!
FLASH

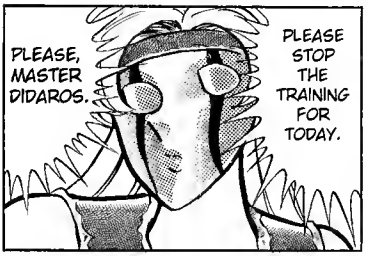

READ THIS WAY
INCREDIBLE... THAT THE MIGHT OF THE NEBULA CHAINS COULD BE SO GREAT...
I LOOKED DOWN ON HIM AS A MERE BRONZE KNIGHT, BUT THIS BOY'S COSMO IS...
KLANK
BOOM
CHAIN
FOR MASTER DIDAROS...
...I WILL HAVE VEN-GEANCE!!

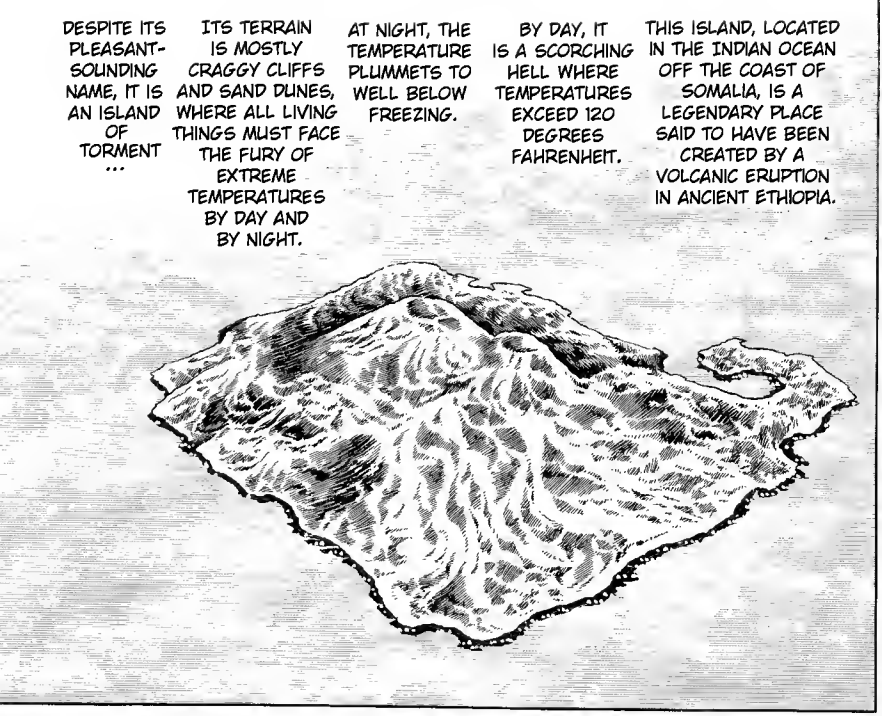

GET UP, SHUN! IF THIS WERE A REAL BATTLE, YOU'D HAVE DIED 15 TIMES TODAY.
IT'S BEEN YEARS SINCE YOU CAME TO ANDROMEDA ISLAND. AREN'T YOU ASHAMED THAT YOU HAVEN'T MADE A BIT OF PROGRESS?



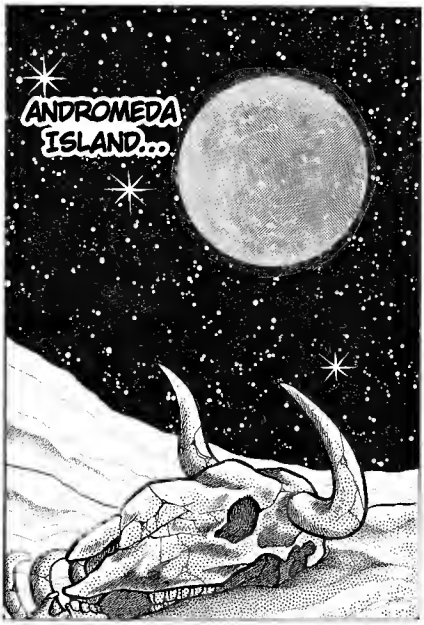

STAY OUT OF THIS, JUNÉ! YOU'RE STILL A NOVICE YOURSELF...
MASTER, SHUN'S REACHED HIS LIMIT. YOU'LL KILL HIM.


GET UP, SHUN, IF YOU'RE A MAN!!
SHUN!!
TMA


PLEASE, MASTER DIDAROS.
PLEASE STOP THE TRAINING FOR TODAY.


DESPITE ITS PLEASANT-SOUNDING NAME, IT IS AN ISLAND OF TORMENT ...
ITS TERRAIN IS MOSTLY CRAGGY CLIFFS AND SAND DUNES, WHERE ALL LIVING THINGS MUST FACE THE FURY OF EXTREME TEMPERATURES BY DAY AND BY NIGHT.
AT NIGHT, THE TEMPERATURE PLUMMETS TO WELL BELOW FREEZING.
BY DAY, IT IS A SCORCHING HELL WHERE TEMPERATURES EXCEED 120 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.
THIS ISLAND, LOCATED IN THE INDIAN OCEAN OFF THE COAST OF SOMALIA, IS A LEGENDARY PLACE SAID TO HAVE BEEN CREATED BY A VOLCANIC ERUPTION IN ANCIENT ETHIOPIA.


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ANDROMEDA ISLAND...

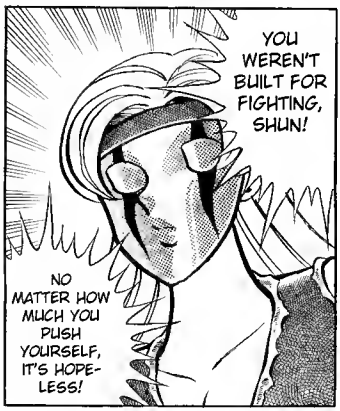

OH...
ARE YOU AWAKE, SHUN?

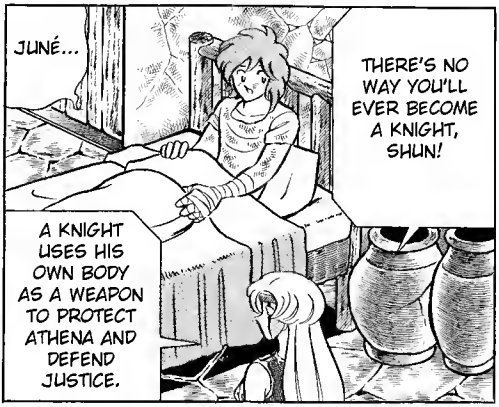

I'M SORRY. YOU'VE HAD TO TAKE CARE OF ME SO MANY TIMES SINCE I CAME TO THIS ISLAND.
I'VE LOST COUNT OF HOW MANY TIMES YOU'VE SAVED MY LIFE, JUNÉ.




OF COURSE. IT GETS BELOW FREEZING HERE AT NIGHT. IF I'D LEFT YOU LYING OUTSIDE, YOU'D HAVE FROZEN TO DEATH.
JUNÉ...YOU TOOK CARE OF ME AGAIN.

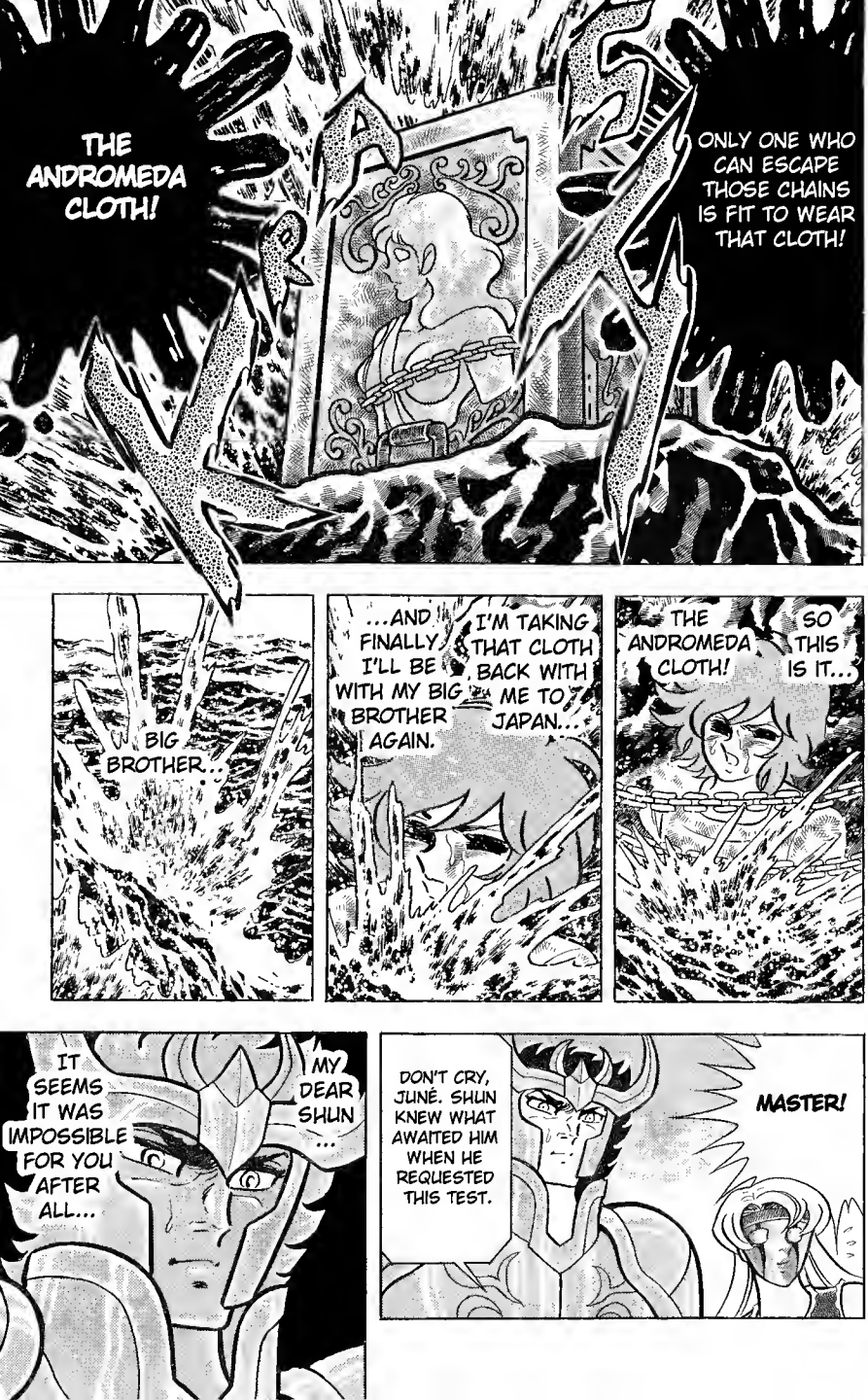

HUH?
WON'T YOU PLEASE CHANGE YOUR MIND?


YOU WEREN'T BUILT FOR FIGHTING, SHUN!
NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU PUSH YOURSELF, IT'S HOPE-LESS!


JUNÉ...
THERE'S NO WAY YOU'LL EVER BECOME A KNIGHT, SHUN!
A KNIGHT USES HIS OWN BODY AS A WEAPON TO PROTECT ATHENA AND DEFEND JUSTICE.


MY BIG BROTHER, IKKI, WAS SENT TO THAT HELL ON EARTH, DEATH QUEEN ISLAND, IN MY PLACE. I'M LUCKY TO BE HERE, EVEN IF IT'S JUST AS HELLISH!
AT LEAST HERE I HAVE A KIND MASTER TO INSTRUCT ME...AND I HAVE YOU.
BUT IF YOU KEEP GOING, EVENTUALLY YOU'LL BE SLAUGHTERED!
THE ONLY REASON YOU'VE SURVIVED THIS LONG IS THAT MASTER DIDAROS IS CAREFUL TO STOP BEFORE HE KILLS YOU!
GIVE UP AND GO HOME TO JAPAN!
I CAN'T GO BACK UNTIL I'VE BECOME A KNIGHT, EVEN IF I DIE TRYING.
BUT SHUN...
SHUN...


QUIET, JUNÉ. SHUN REQUESTED THIS HIMSELF.
MASTER, HE'LL DIE! SHUN CAN'T POSSIBLY...
KRAK
THAT'S RIGHT. HE'S BEEN HERE FOR MORE THAN FIVE YEARS. TODAY IS HIS LAST CHANCE. HE'LL EITHER ESCAPE FROM THE CHAINS AND BECOME A KNIGHT, OR BE DROWNED BY THE RISING TIDE...
WHAT!? SHUN DID!?
ANDROMEDA ISLAND'S ULTIMATE TEST, THE SACRIFICE, WAS INSPIRED BY THE TALE OF THE ETHIOPIAN PRINCESS ANDROMEDA, WHO WAS CHAINED TO A ROCK AS AN OFFERING TO A SEA MONSTER.
THE CHAINS THAT BIND THE ASPIRANT'S BODY ARE NO ORDINARY FETTERS, BUT THE UNBREAKABLE CHAINS OF THE ANDROMEDA CLOTH.
THE ONLY WAY TO ESCAPE THOSE CHAINS IS TO FLARE ONE'S COSMO WITH SUPERHUMAN INTENSITY!

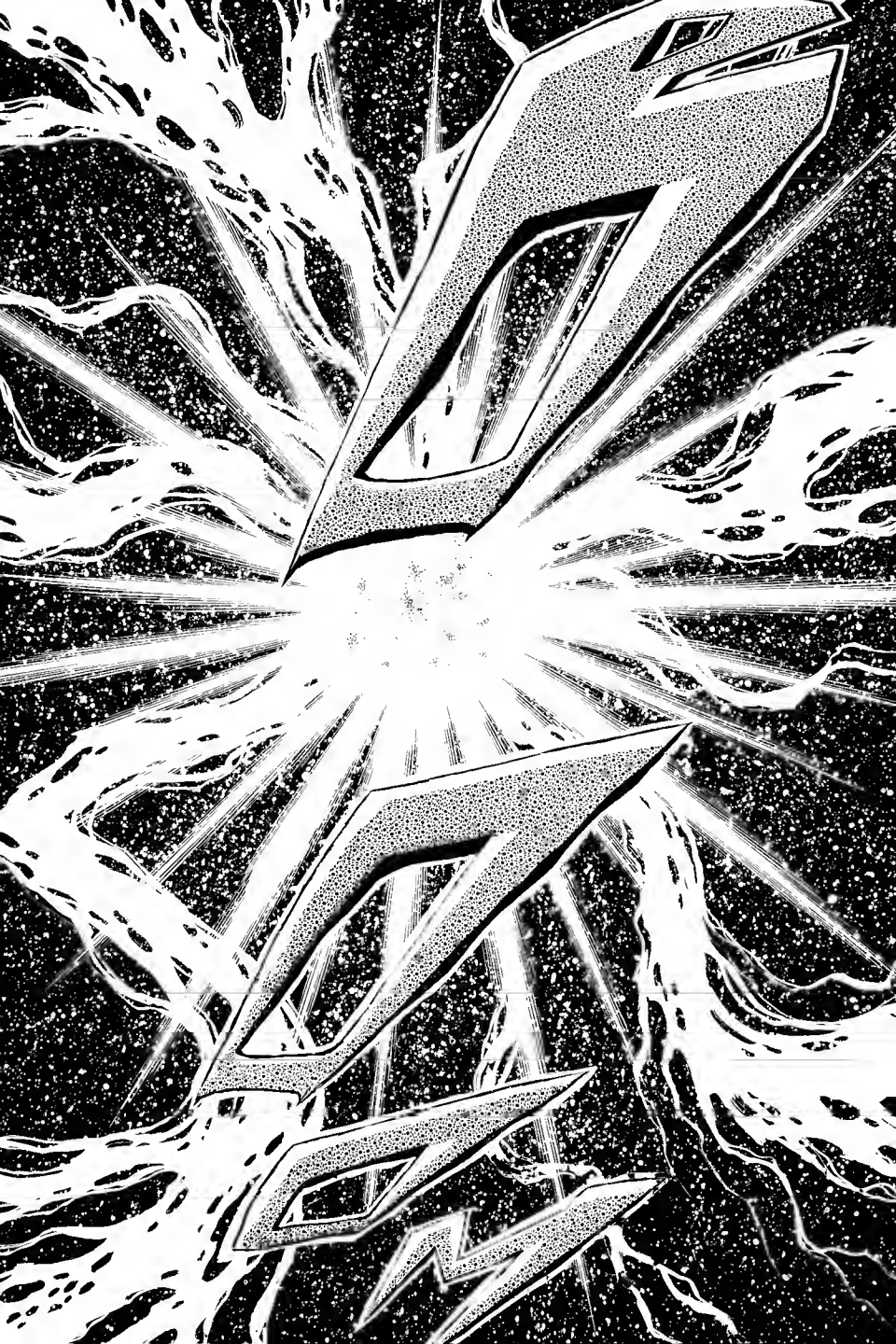

THE ANDROMEDA CLOTH!
ONLY ONE WHO CAN ESCAPE THOSE CHAINS IS FIT TO WEAR THAT CLOTH!
BIG BROTHER...
...AND FINALLY I'LL BE WITH MY BIG BROTHER AGAIN.
I'M TAKING THAT CLOTH BACK WITH ME TO JAPAN...
THE ANDROMEDA CLOTH!
SO THIS IS IT...
IT SEEMS IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU AFTER ALL...
MY DEAR SHUN ...
DON'T CRY, JUNÉ. SHUN KNEW WHAT AWAITED HIM WHEN HE REQUESTED THIS TEST.
MASTER!


WHAT!?
MASTER!!
THE SEA IS SWIRLING!!
NOW IT'S SPLITTING IN TWO, AND...
WHAT'S THAT!?

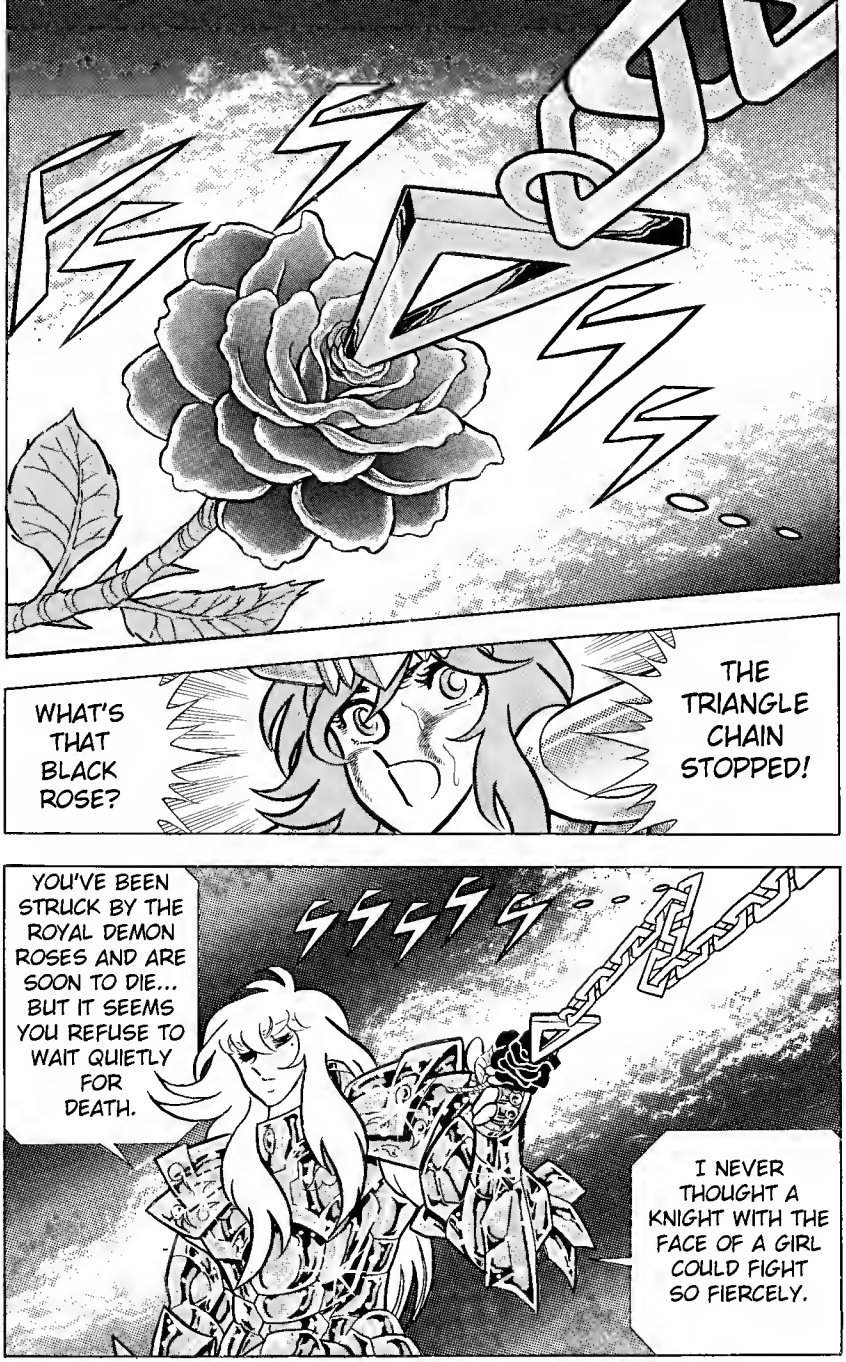

SHUN!!
KI BOOM
IKKI, I DID IT! I FINALLY DID IT! AND WITHOUT ANYONE'S HELP...
MASTER... JUNÉ...


KLAK
KLAK
KLAK


THE ANDROMEDA CLOTH HAS ACKNOWLEDGED YOU AS A TRUE KNIGHT!!
SHUN, THE COSMO THAT LAY SLEEPING DEEP INSIDE YOUR HEART HAS AWAKENED!
APHRO-DITE!!
TAKE THIS!!
NOW I'LL TAKE DOWN THE MAN WHO KILLED YOU!
MASTER DIDAROS...

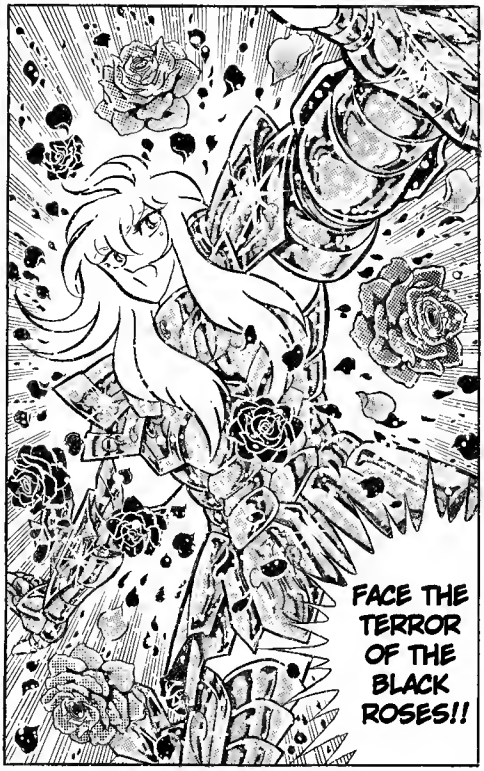



THUNDER WAVE!!
WHAT!?
FLASH


WHAT'S THAT BLACK ROSE?
THE TRIANGLE CHAIN STOPPED!
YOU'VE BEEN STRUCK BY THE ROYAL DEMON ROSES AND ARE SOON TO DIE... BUT IT SEEMS YOU REFUSE TO WAIT QUIETLY FOR DEATH.
I NEVER THOUGHT A KNIGHT WITH THE FACE OF A GIRL COULD FIGHT SO FIERCELY.


MILLIONS OF BLACK ROSES... ENVELOPING THE TRIANGLE CHAIN!
IT'S LIKE THEY'RE TRYING TO SWALLOW IT UP!!

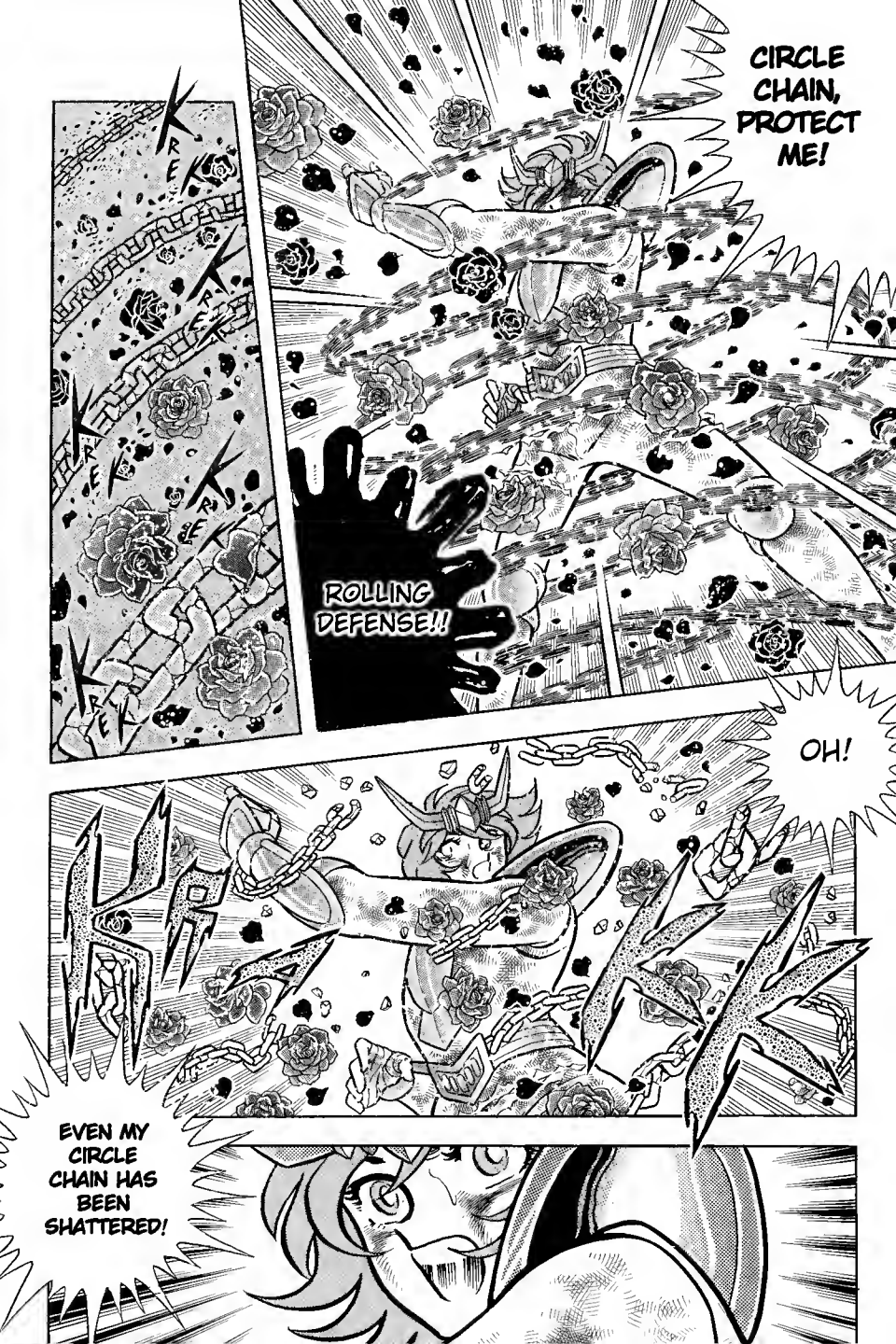

VERY WELL, THEN. I'LL DEAL OUT INSTANTANEOUS DEATH...
...AND WREST YOUR CHAINS OF HOPE FROM YOU WHILE I'M AT IT!

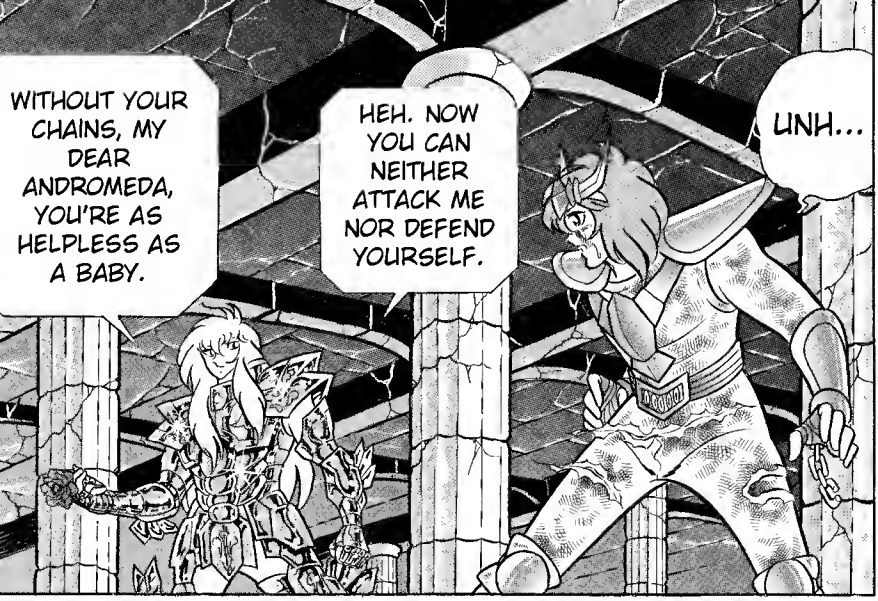

FACE THE TERROR OF THE BLACK ROSES!!

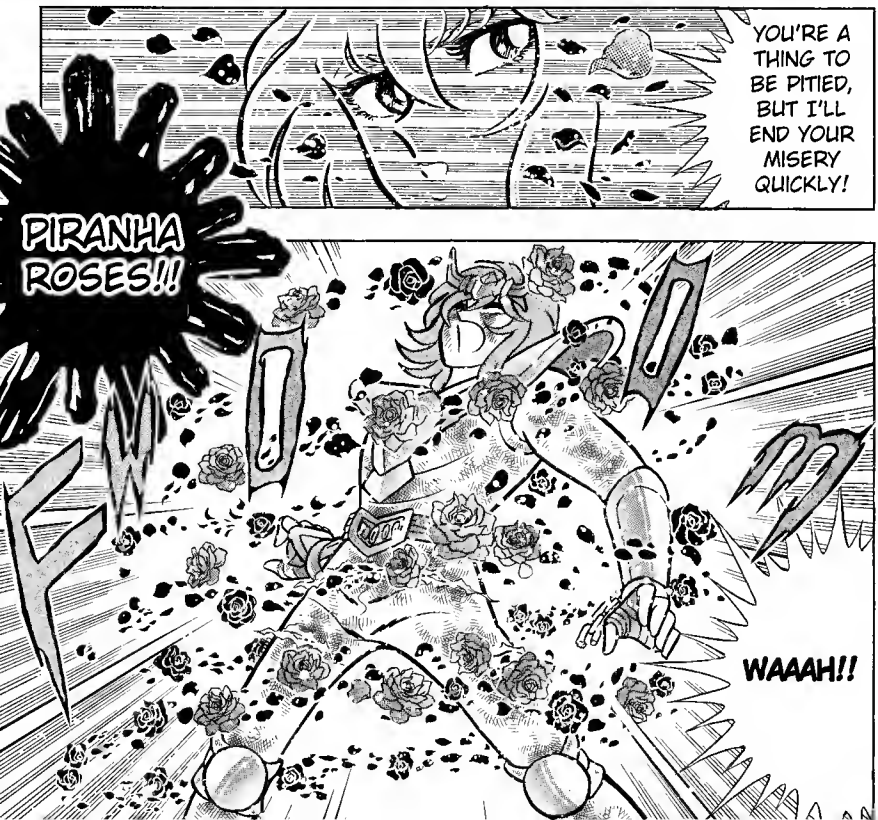

UNH!


KREK
KREK
KREK
KREK
DANCE, MY BLACK ROSES!
PIRANHA ROSES!!
WHAT !?


THE THORNS OF THE BLACK ROSES CRUSH WHATEVER THEY ENCOUNTER, LIKE THE TEETH OF THE PIRANHA.
THE RED DEMON ROSES CAUSE A SLOW DEATH, BUT THE BLACK ROSES KILL QUICKLY.
NO... MY TRIANGLE CHAIN...
NOW YOU TOO WILL BE PULVERIZED BY THEIR THORNS!
THOSE BLACK ROSES BROKE MY UNBREAKABLE ANDROMEDA CHAINS...
WHAT ARE THOSE FLOWERS?
PIRANHA ROSES!!
UNH!


CIRCLE CHAIN, PROTECT ME!
KREK
KREK
KREK
KREK
KREK
ROLLING DEFENSE!!
OH!
EVEN MY CIRCLE CHAIN HAS BEEN SHATTERED!

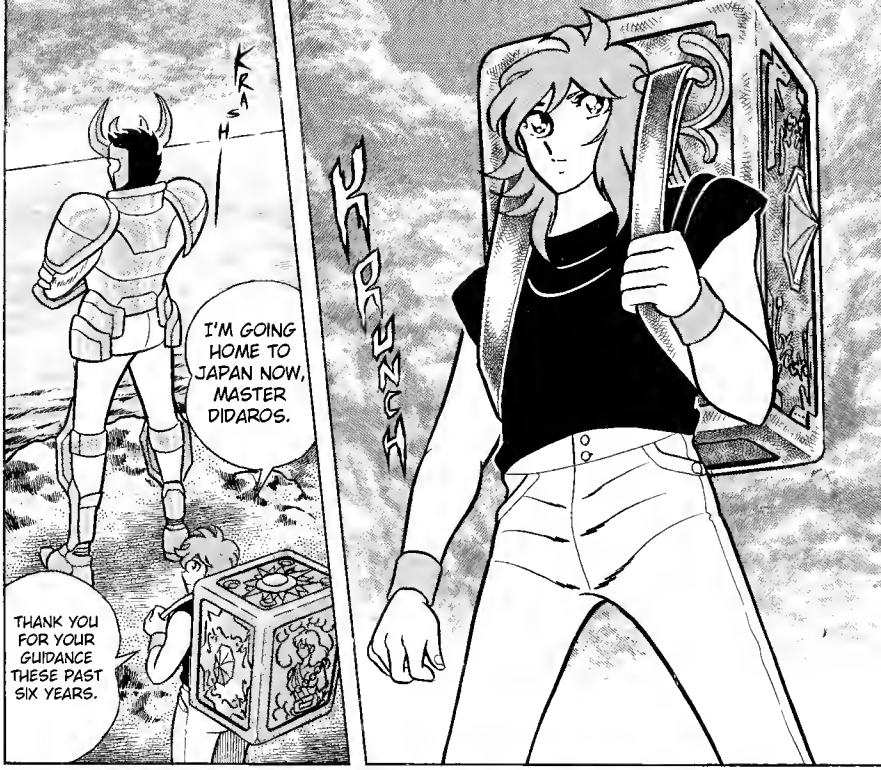

WITHOUT YOUR CHAINS, MY DEAR ANDROMEDA, YOU'RE AS HELPLESS AS A BABY.
HEH. NOW YOU CAN NEITHER ATTACK ME NOR DEFEND YOURSELF.
UNH...


YOU'RE A THING TO BE PITIED, BUT I'LL END YOUR MISERY QUICKLY!
PIRANHA ROSES!!
WAAAH!!

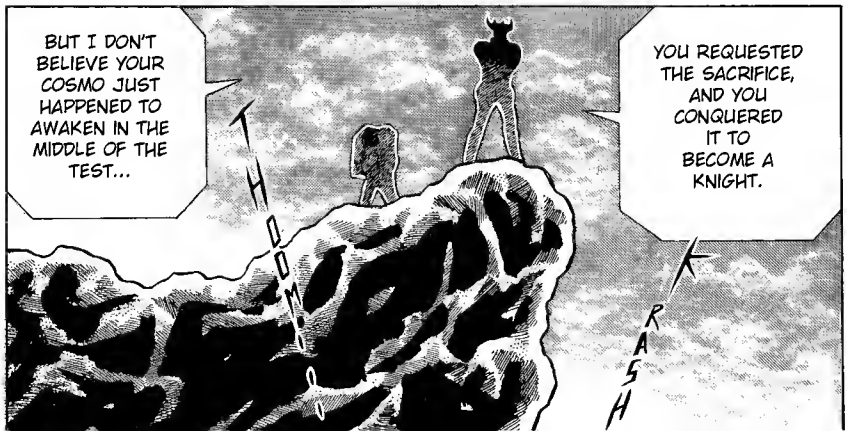

KRAK


UNH...
THE MASTER WILL BE PLEASED.
NOW THE LAST OF THE FIVE BRONZE KNIGHTS WHO STORMED THE TWELVE PALACES HAS FALLEN.

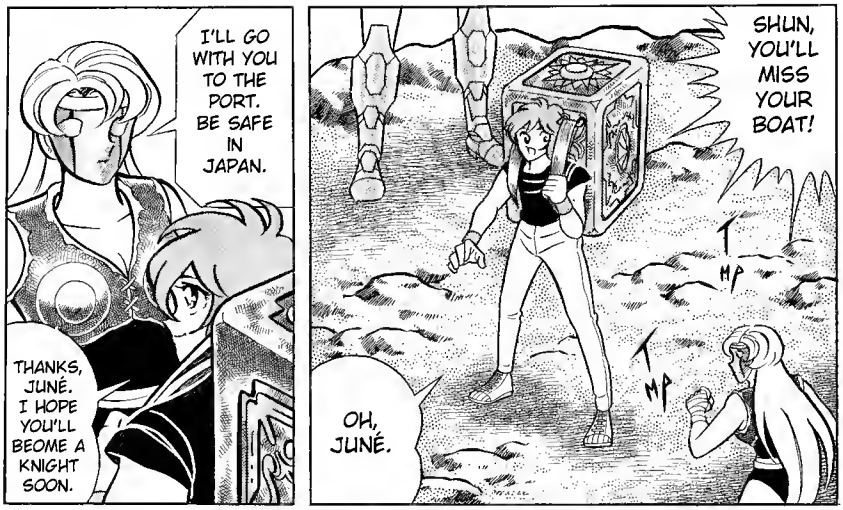

READ THIS WAY
YOU'RE STILL ALIVE?
YOUR STRENGTH IS FINISHED, SO LIE THERE AND WAIT FOR DEATH. I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANY MORE BLOOD...
YA SH
WHAT!?
KABOOM
IMPOSSIBLE! I SENSE A MIGHTY COSMO EMANATING FROM ANDROMEDA!
COULD THERE STILL BE STRENGTH LEFT IN THIS MAN, EVEN NOW THAT HIS CHAINS HAVE BEEN DESTROYED?
A COSMO!?
D-DON'T TELL ME...
DON'T TELL ME HE...

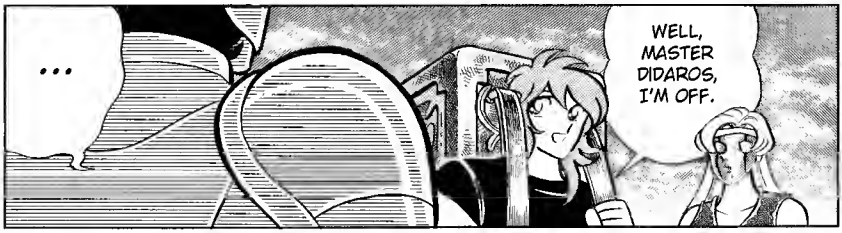

KRASH
I'M GOING HOME TO JAPAN NOW, MASTER DIDAROS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GUIDANCE THESE PAST SIX YEARS.
UNDUNCH


HUH?
SHUN, THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN WEIGHING ON MY MIND.

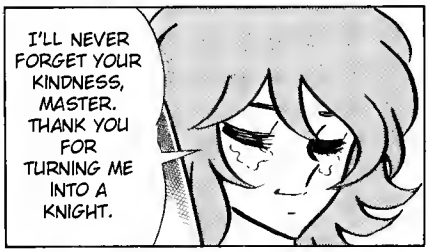

BUT I DON'T BELIEVE YOUR COSMO JUST HAPPENED TO AWAKEN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TEST...
YOU REQUESTED THE SACRIFICE, AND YOU CONQUERED IT TO BECOME A KNIGHT.
THOOM...
FRASH


READ THIS WAY
DID YOU HATE THE IDEA OF HARMING ANOTHER HUMAN BEING SO MUCH THAT YOU ALLOWED YOURSELF TO BE DEFEATED ALL THOSE TIMES?
SHUN, YOUR COSMO AWOKE SOME TIME AGO, DIDN'T IT?
THE TRUTH IS THAT FOR THE LAST SIX YEARS, WHILE I WAS RECEIVING INSTRUCTION FROM YOU, MY COSMO WAS AWAKENING BIT BY BIT.
YES, MASTER. I HATE CONFLICT AND I DON'T WANT TO HURT OTHER PEOPLE.
WHAT?
BUT NOW THAT I'M LEAVING ANDROMEDA ISLAND, I'LL SHOW MY TRUE STRENGTH JUST TO YOU.
THOOM


I'LL GO WITH YOU TO THE PORT. BE SAFE IN JAPAN.
THANKS, JUNÉ. I HOPE YOU'LL BEOME A KNIGHT SOON.
SHUN, YOU'LL MISS YOUR BOAT!
MP
MP
OH, JUNÉ.

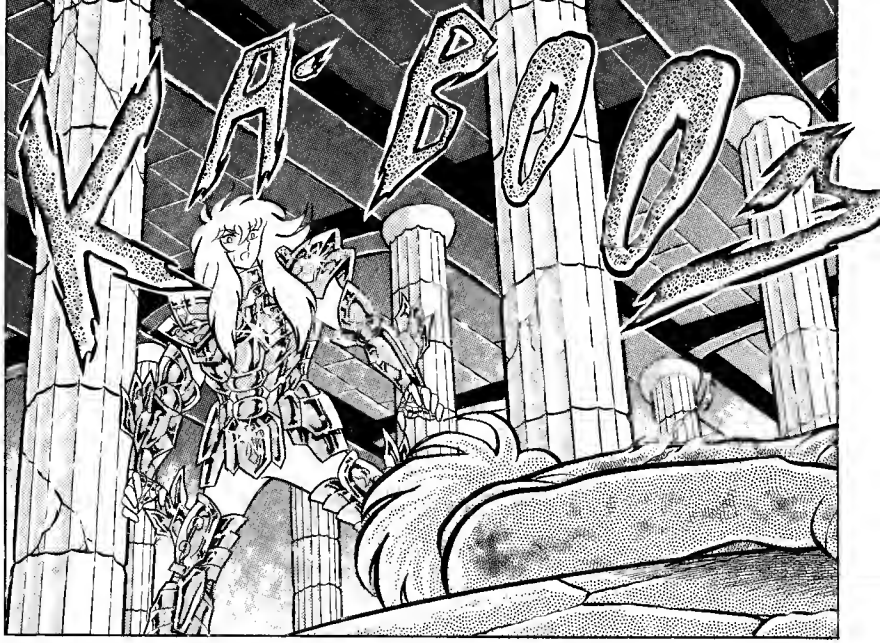

...
WELL, MASTER DIDAROS, I'M OFF.

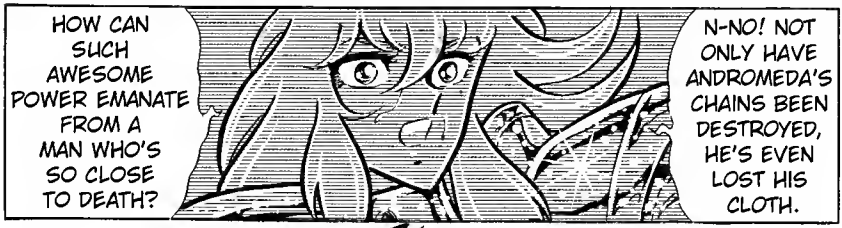

FARE-WELL.
KROOSH
KASH

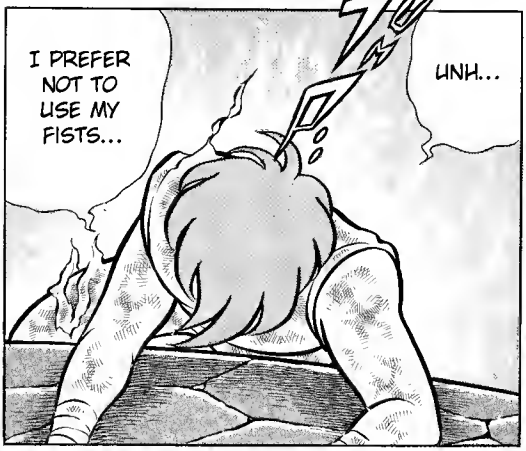

I'LL NEVER FORGET YOUR KINDNESS, MASTER. THANK YOU FOR TURNING ME INTO A KNIGHT.

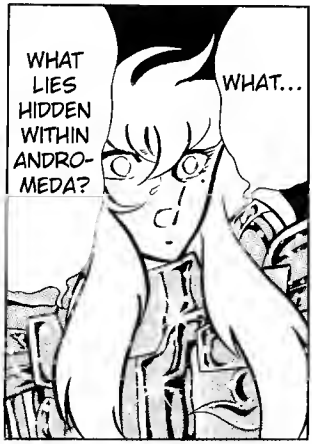

SHUN...


KRUK
KRAK
KRUK
UHN... SHUN'S COSMO HAS GROWN THIS POWERFUL?
THEN HE CAN DEFEND HIMSELF EVEN WITHOUT THE ANDROMEDA CHAINS!
BUT HE MAY NEVER NEED TO USE THIS POWER.
AND BECAUSE OF HIS GENTLE NATURE, NO ONE WILL EVER SUSPECT HIS TRUE STRENGTH.


KABOOM


HOW CAN SUCH AWESOME POWER EMANATE FROM A MAN WHO'S SO CLOSE TO DEATH?
N-NO! NOT ONLY HAVE ANDROMEDA'S CHAINS BEEN DESTROYED, HE'S EVEN LOST HIS CLOTH.


I PREFER NOT TO USE MY FISTS...
UNH...


WHAT LIES HIDDEN WITHIN ANDRO-MEDA?
WHAT...


ONCE AND FOR ALL, TAKE THIS, APHRODITE!
THE TRUE POWER OF SHUN!!
...AND UNABLE TO AVENGE MY MASTER.
...BUT IN A FEW MINUTES, I'LL PROBABLY BE DEAD...
APHRODITE, YOU DROVE ME TO THIS.
WHAT?
AND I'LL STRIKE THE FINAL BLOW NOW!!
WHAT CAN YOU DO? YOU'RE DYING!
WHAT IS THIS!?
THE AIR IS SWIRLING!!


NEBULA
STREAM
!!

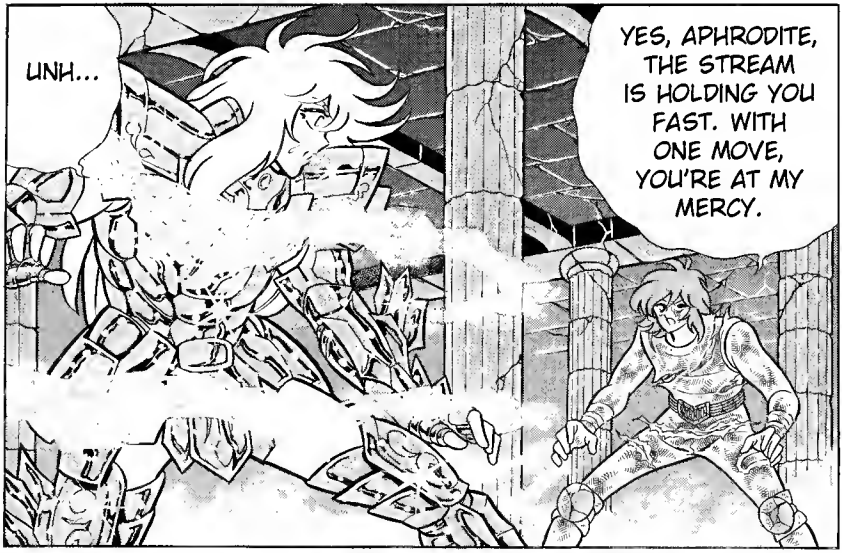


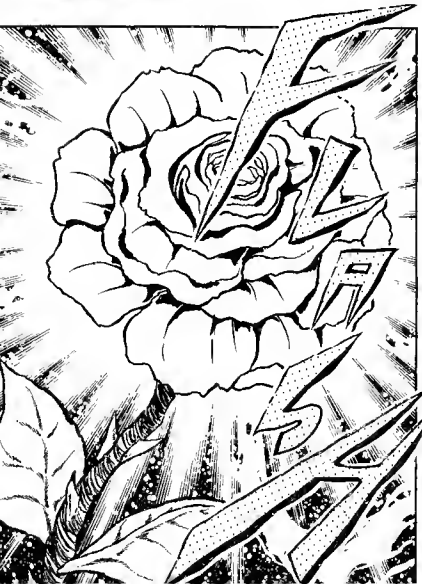

KRASH
HEH... NEBULA STREAM? BIG DEAL.
NO MOVE YOUR PUNY ARMS CAN UNLEASH WILL WORK AGAINST ME...
WHAT !?

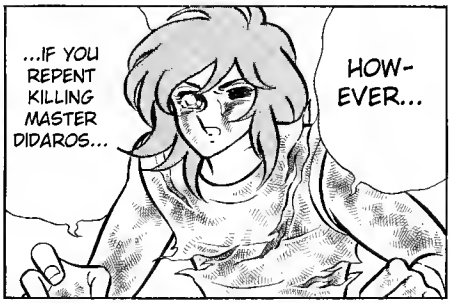

READ THIS WAY
WHAT'S HAPPENING ?
IMPOS-SIBLE.. I CAN'T MOVE...
KA-ISH
UGH!
HUH!?
WHAT IS THIS!?


A JET STREAM !?
THE AIR IS STREAMING AROUND ME WITH INCREDIBLE FORCE!!
STAGGER
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

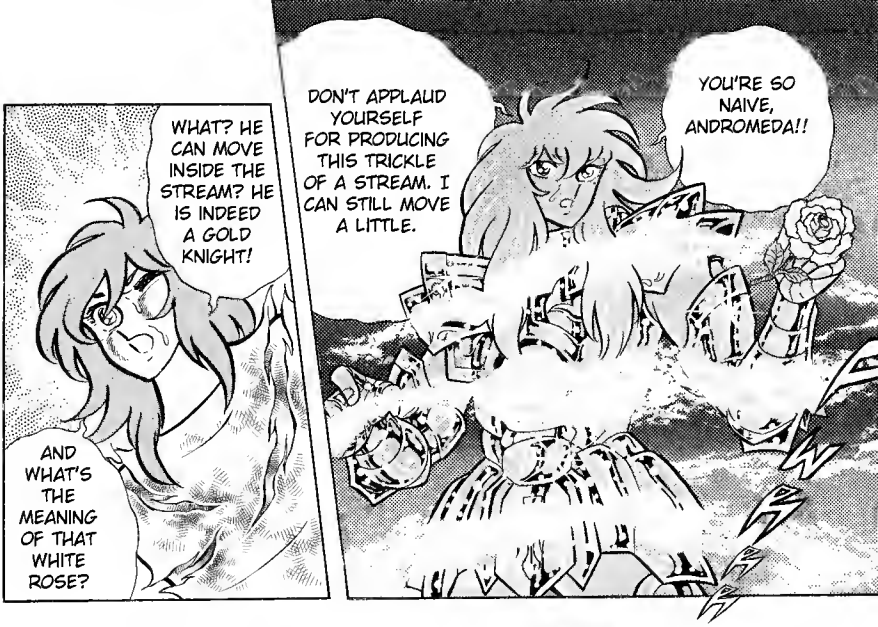

DID THE FIST OF ANDROMEDA DO THIS!?
NO! THIS CAN'T BE HAPPENING!

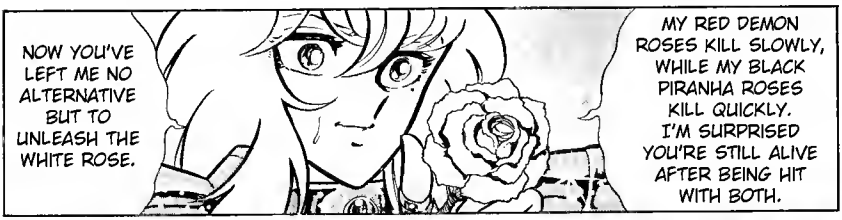

UNH...
YES, APHRODITE, THE STREAM IS HOLDING YOU FAST. WITH ONE MOVE, YOU'RE AT MY MERCY.




...IF YOU REPENT KILLING MASTER DIDAROS...
HOW-EVER...

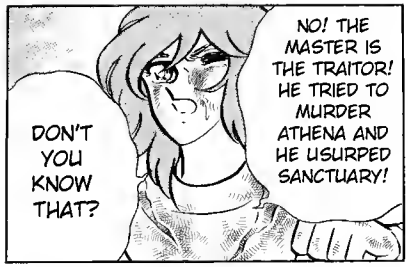

...IF YOU SAY JUST ONE WORD OF APOLOGY TO HIS SPIRIT, I'LL SPARE YOUR LIFE.


WHAT? HE CAN MOVE INSIDE THE STREAM? HE IS INDEED A GOLD KNIGHT!
AND WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THAT WHITE ROSE?
DON'T APPLAUD YOURSELF FOR PRODUCING THIS TRICKLE OF A STREAM. I CAN STILL MOVE A LITTLE.
YOU'RE SO NAIVE, ANDROMEDA!!

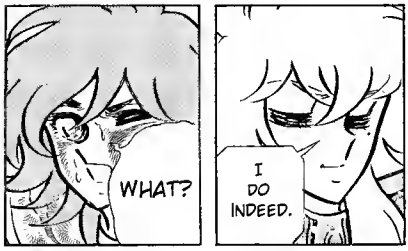

NOW YOU'VE LEFT ME NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO UNLEASH THE WHITE ROSE.
MY RED DEMON ROSES KILL SLOWLY, WHILE MY BLACK PIRANHA ROSES KILL QUICKLY. I'M SURPRISED YOU'RE STILL ALIVE AFTER BEING HIT WITH BOTH.

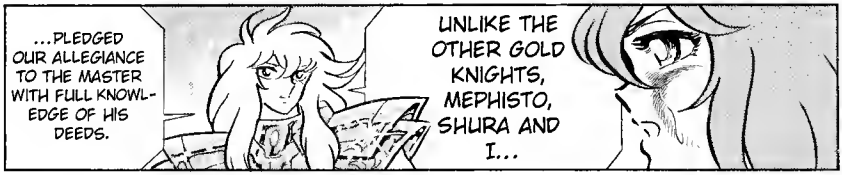

WHEN IT HAS SUCKED OUT ALL OF YOUR BLOOD AND TURNED BRIGHT RED, YOU WILL PASS FROM THIS WORLD...
IT'S CALLED THE BLOOD ROSE. THE INSTANT IT LEAVES MY HAND, IT WILL PIERCE YOUR HEART, NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO.


I'LL GIVE YOU THAT MUCH, ANDROMEDA!
I'VE NEVER HAD TO USE THE WHITE ROSE BEFORE!
AAH!
WHAT?
UNH!
APHRODITE, BEFORE THAT HAPPENS...
THE NEBULA STREAM HAS GROWN EVEN STRONGER...
THE STREAM IS SURGING WITH EVEN GREATER FORCE! IT'S BLOCKING MY MOVEMENTS!
I SAID YOU WERE NAIVE, ANDROMEDA.
I DON'T REGRET TAKING DIDAROS DOWN AT ALL, AND I HAVE NO INTENTION OF APOLOGIZING.
THAT'S RIGHT! I CAN MAKE THE NEBULA STREAM INFINITELY STRONGER IF I WANT, UNTIL IT TRANSFORMS INTO SOMETHING MORE DEADLY!

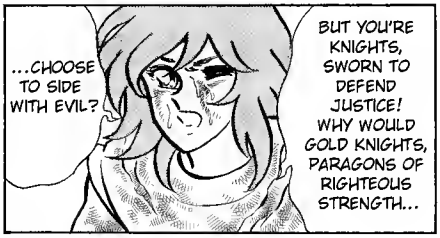

DON'T YOU KNOW THAT?
NO! THE MASTER IS THE TRAITOR! HE TRIED TO MURDER ATHENA AND HE USURPED SANCTUARY!


DIDAROS REFUSED TO OBEY THE MASTER! HE WAS A TRAITOR, JUST LIKE YOU! I DID NOTHING WRONG IN EXECUTING THE JUDGMENT OF HEAVEN AGAINST ONE SUCH AS HE!


WHAT?
I DO INDEED.


...PLEDGED OUR ALLEGIANCE TO THE MASTER WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE OF HIS DEEDS.
UNLIKE THE OTHER GOLD KNIGHTS, MEPHISTO, SHURA AND I...

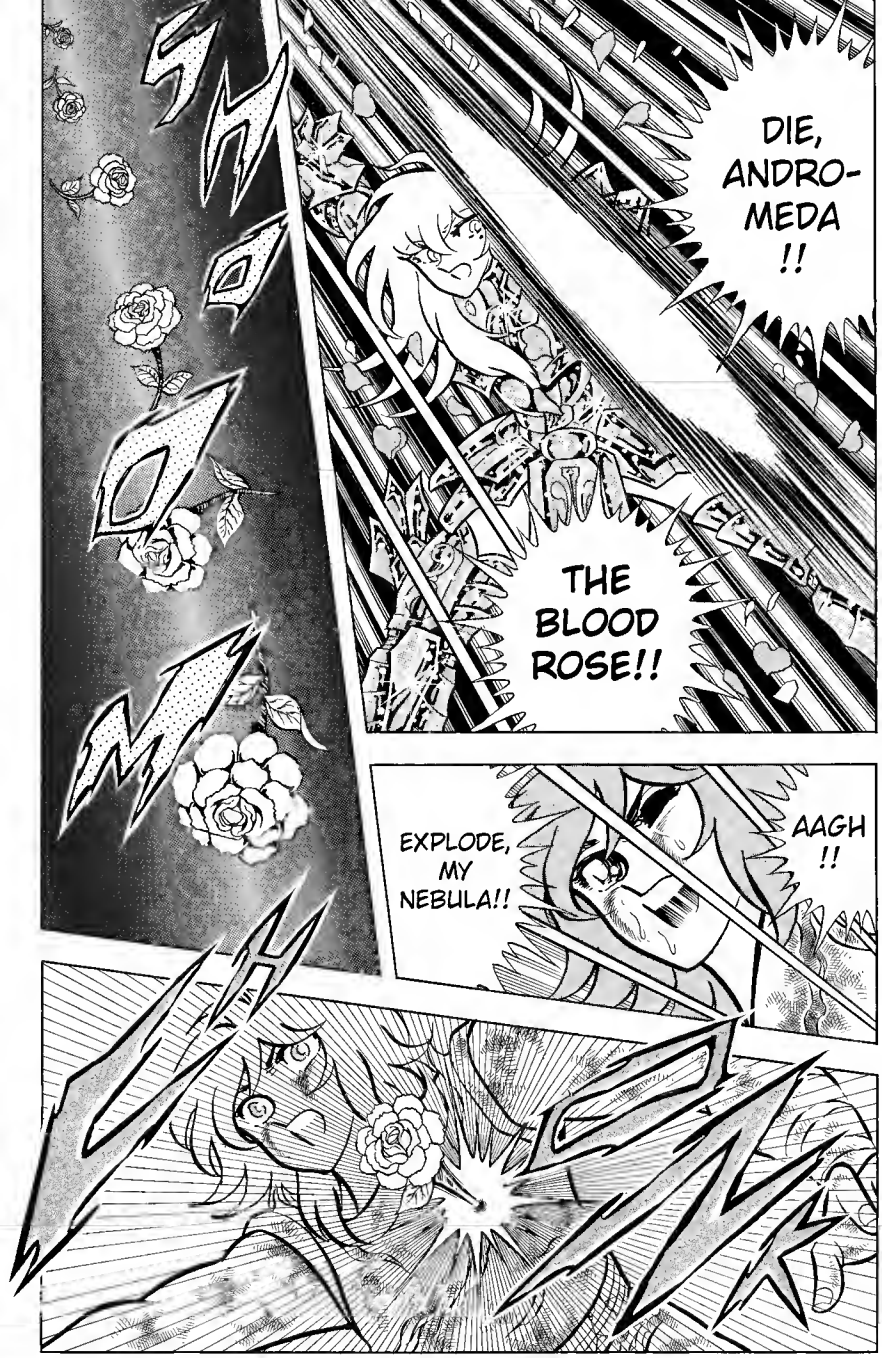

ONLY THE MASTER, BY VIRTUE OF HIS ENORMOUS STRENGTH, DESERVES TO RULE SANCTUARY!
BUT I'LL ENLIGHTEN YOU BEFORE YOU DIE. STRENGTH IS THE ONLY JUSTICE!

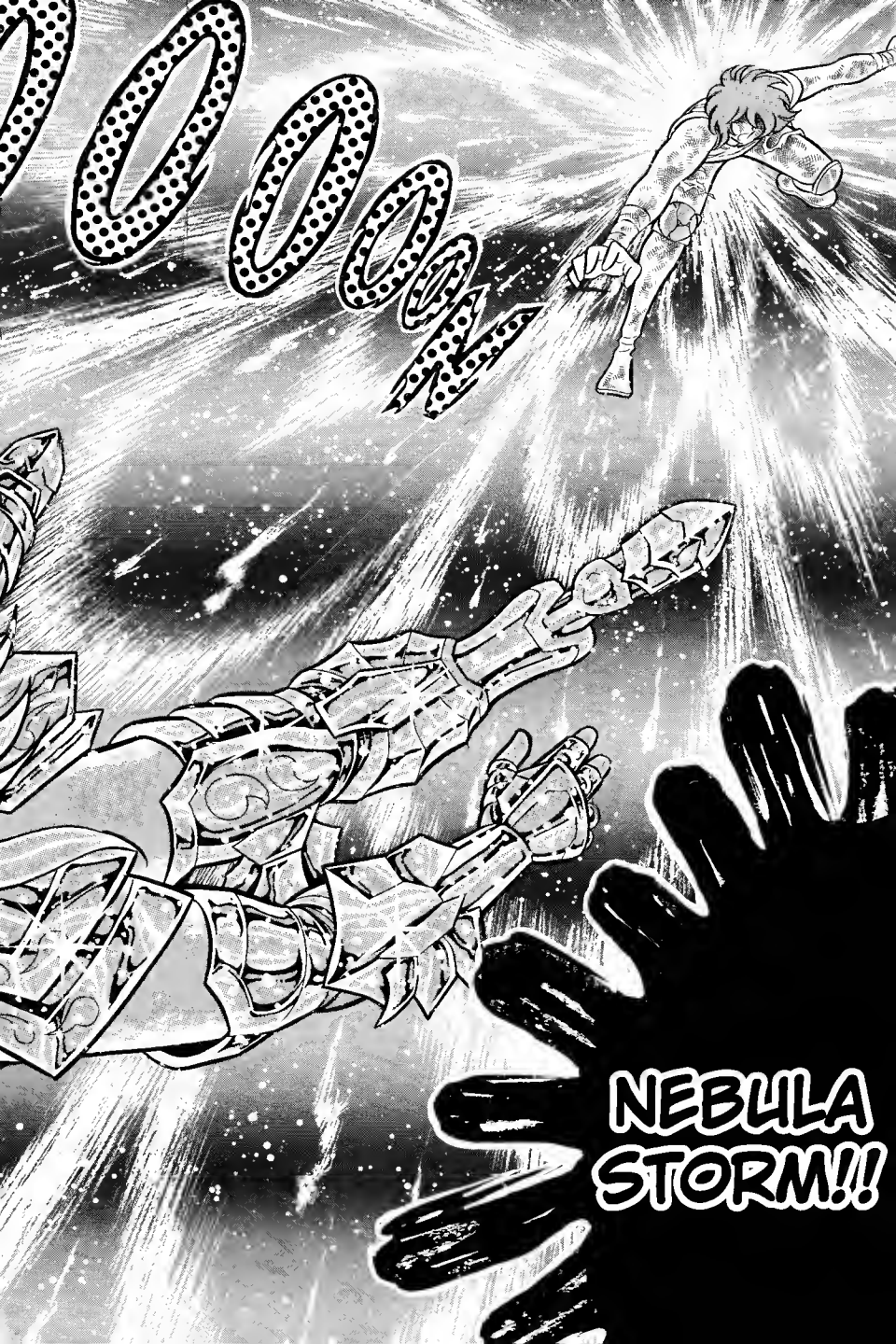

...CHOOSE TO SIDE WITH EVIL?
BUT YOU'RE KNIGHTS, SWORN TO DEFEND JUSTICE! WHY WOULD GOLD KNIGHTS, PARAGONS OF RIGHTEOUS STRENGTH...


YOU DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND WHAT JUSTICE AND EVIL ARE, YOU PUP.
THAT'S WHY I SAID YOU WERE NAIVE.


YOU'RE WRONG !!
THAT'S NOT THE WAY OF ATHENA...
IS EVERY-THING THE STRONG CHOOSE TO DO JUSTIFIED ?
YOU THINK THAT STRENGTH IS JUSTICE? WHAT ABOUT CHILDREN AND OLD PEOPLE AND THE WEAK? ARE THEY SUPPOSED TO BE AT THE MERCY OF THE STRONG?
IT'S THE MASTER WHO'S KEPT THE PEACE IN THIS WORLD.
THAT'S RIGHT. ANYWAY, WHAT COULD THE INFANT ATHENA HAVE DONE?
FACE THE WHITE ROSE AND DIE, ANDROMEDA!!
ENOUGH CHITCHAT. I DON'T EXPECT A CALLOW YOUTH TO UNDERSTAND.
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN BURST THROUGH THE STREAM AND ATTACK ME?
UNH!

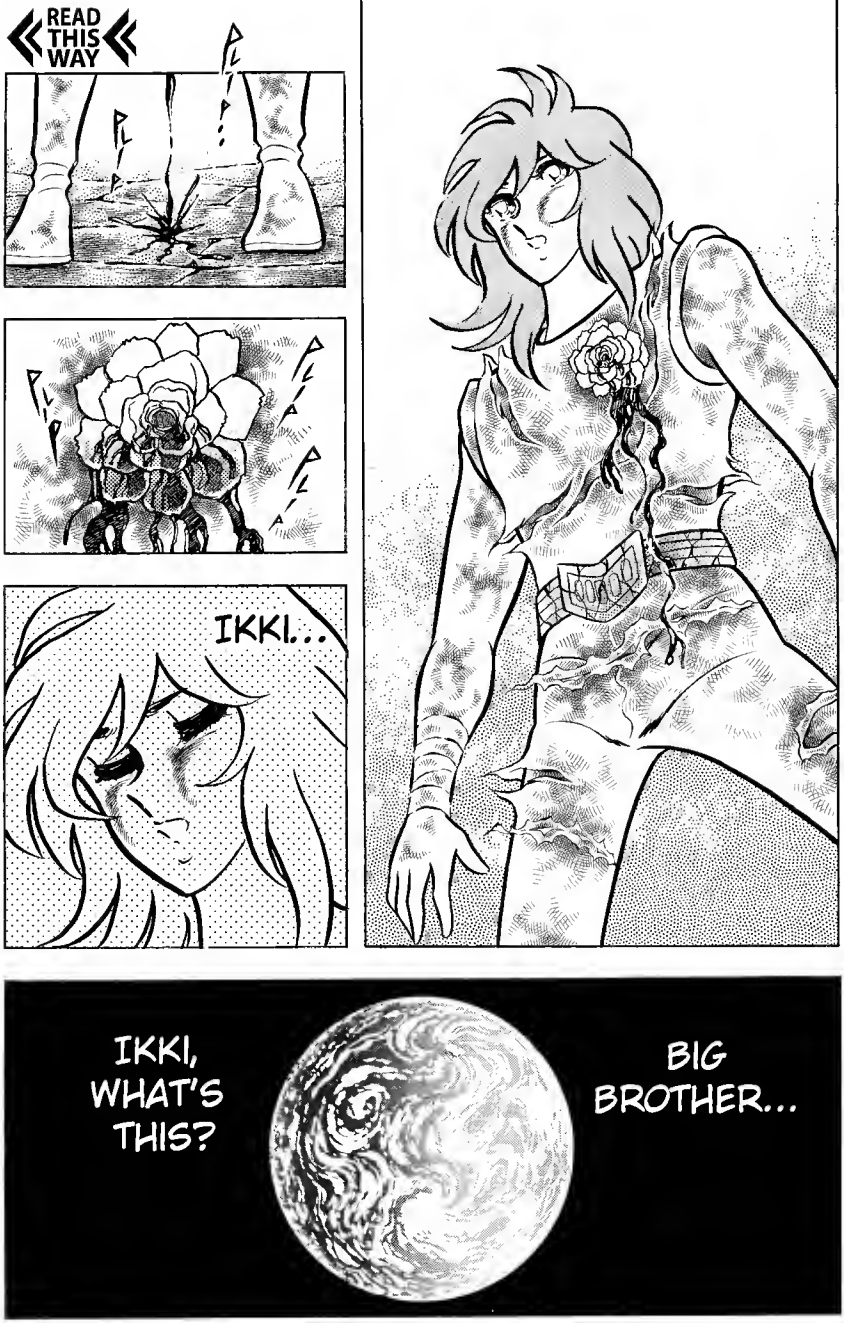

IT'LL TRANSFORM INTO A STORM, AND THEN NOTHING CAN SAVE YOU!
DON'T DO THIS, APHRODITE! I WARN YOU -- IF I HAVE TO STRENGTHEN THE STREAM ANY MORE, IT'LL TRANSFORM!
HEH...WE'LL SEE WHO DIES FIRST WHEN I'VE PIERCED YOU WITH THIS WHITE ROSE!
STOP!!
THEN YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO STIR UP A STORM!

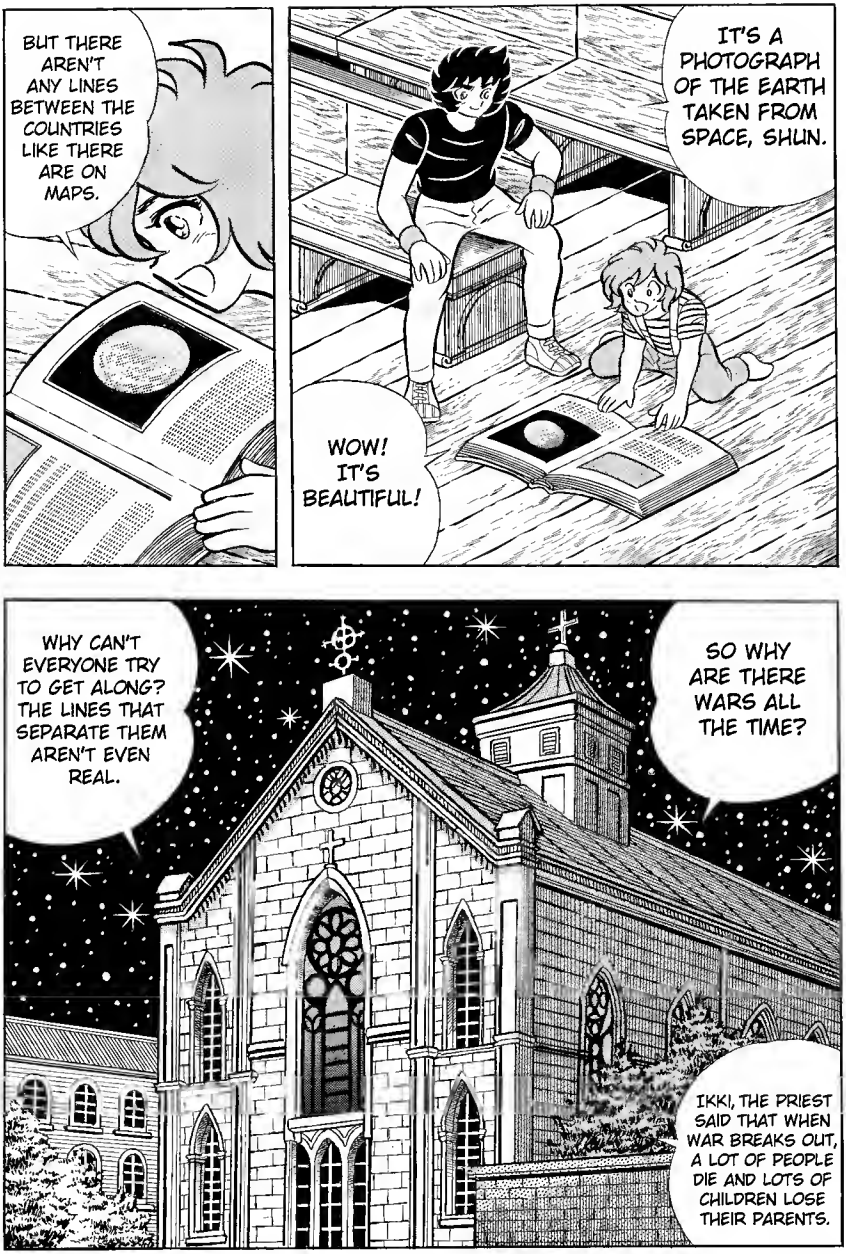

DIE, ANDRO-MEDA !!
THE BLOOD ROSE!!
EXPLODE, MY NEBULA!!
AAGH !!


NEBULA
STORM!!


WHAT!?


IT DID TRANSFORM...
UNH... TH-THE STREAM...
FWUP-!
NO ONE CAN DEFEAT THE MASTER...
B-BUT YOU'LL PERISH, TOO, ANDROMEDA.

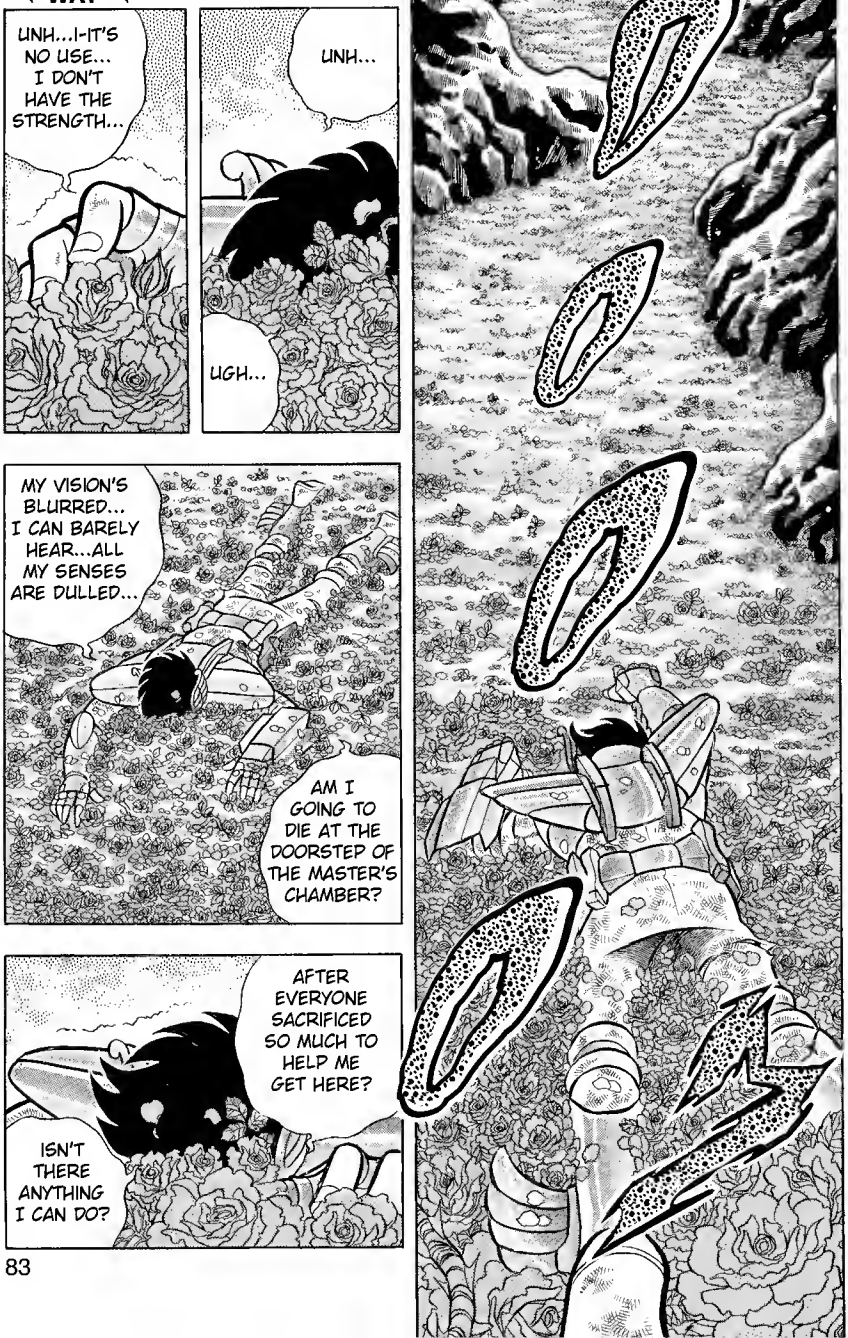

READ THIS WAY
PL
PL!!
PLIP
PLAP PLA
IKKI...
IKKI, WHAT'S THIS?
BIG BROTHER...


BUT THERE AREN'T ANY LINES BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES LIKE THERE ARE ON MAPS.
IT'S A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE EARTH TAKEN FROM SPACE, SHUN.
WOW! IT'S BEAUTIFUL!
WHY CAN'T EVERYONE TRY TO GET ALONG? THE LINES THAT SEPARATE THEM AREN'T EVEN REAL.
SO WHY ARE THERE WARS ALL THE TIME?
IKKI, THE PRIEST SAID THAT WHEN WAR BREAKS OUT, A LOT OF PEOPLE DIE AND LOTS OF CHILDREN LOSE THEIR PARENTS.


THEN THERE WON'T BE ANY MORE KIDS LIKE US.
SOMEDAY I'M GONNA WORK TO BRING PEACE TO THE WHOLE WORLD.
I FEEL SORRY FOR THEM...
THEN THEY END UP LIKE US, WHO NEVER EVEN KNEW OUR PARENTS.
BIG BROTHER?
RIGHT, BIG BROTHER?

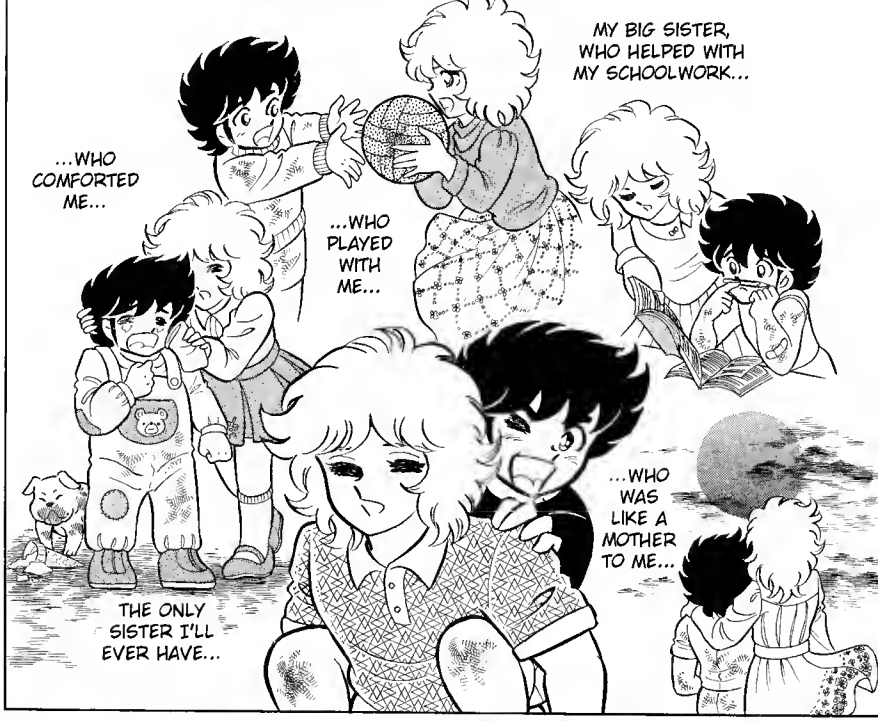

DEATH MATCH IN THE MASTER'S CHAMBER!
I AVENGED MASTER DIDAROS...AND HOPE THAT, IN SOME WAY, I HELPED BRING THIS WORLD CLOSER TO PEACE...
BROTHER IKKI, I FOUGHT TO THE BITTER END, LIKE A MAN.
MI...
...
...


AAAH! THE LAST FLAME IS DYING!
THERE'S ONLY 30 MINUTES LEFT.
HURRY! HURRY AND BRING THE MASTER HERE, SEIYA...
AFTER THAT, THE ARROW WILL PIERCE PRINCESS SIENNA'S HEART.
SEIYA!!


UNH...I-IT'S NO USE... I DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH...
UNH...
UGH...
MY VISION'S BLURRED... I CAN BARELY HEAR...ALL MY SENSES ARE DULLED...
AM I GOING TO DIE AT THE DOORSTEP OF THE MASTER'S CHAMBER?
AFTER EVERYONE SACRIFICED SO MUCH TO HELP ME GET HERE?
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO?

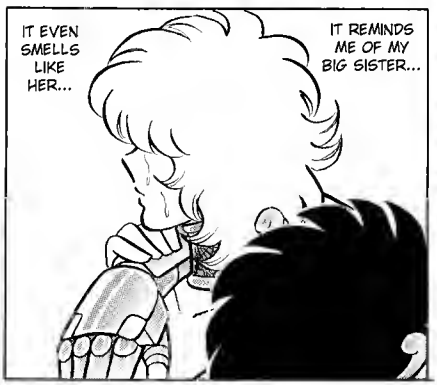

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
SEIYA...
HANG ON, SEIYA! YOU'VE COME THIS FAR! YOU'VE ALMOST REACHED THE MASTER'S CHAMBER!
KA UNCH
KRUNCH
KRUNCH
OH, NO! HE'S INHALED TOO MUCH OF THE PERFUME OF THE DEMON ROSES!
HE'S UN-CONSCIOUS. IF I DON'T DO SOME-THING FAST, HE'LL DIE...
THEN THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO...

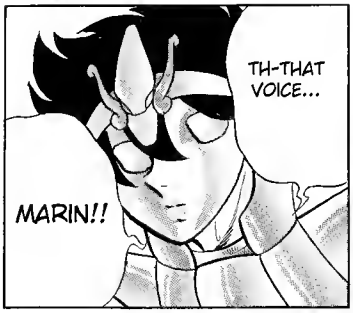

IF YOU DIE HERE, SEIYA, HOW WILL YOU FACE YOUR FRIENDS IN THE AFTERLIFE?
THIS MASK WILL FILTER OUT SOME OF THE DEADLY FUMES.
KR-
N-H
C'MON, SEIYA...
KR
UNH
I'LL GET YOU TO THE MASTER'S CHAMBER, EVEN IF I HAVE TO CARRY YOU!
I JUST HOPE I LIVE LONG ENOUGH...
UNH...
S-SISTER...
SEIYA...

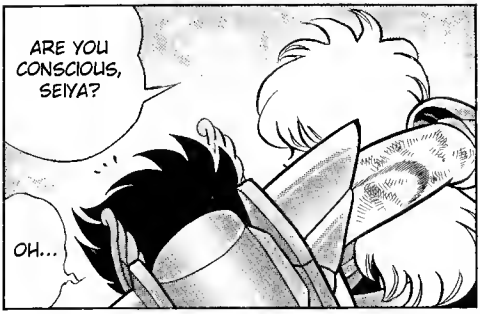

MY BIG SISTER, WHO HELPED WITH MY SCHOOLWORK...
...WHO COMFORTED ME...
...WHO PLAYED WITH ME...
...WHO WAS LIKE A MOTHER TO ME...
THE ONLY SISTER I'LL EVER HAVE...

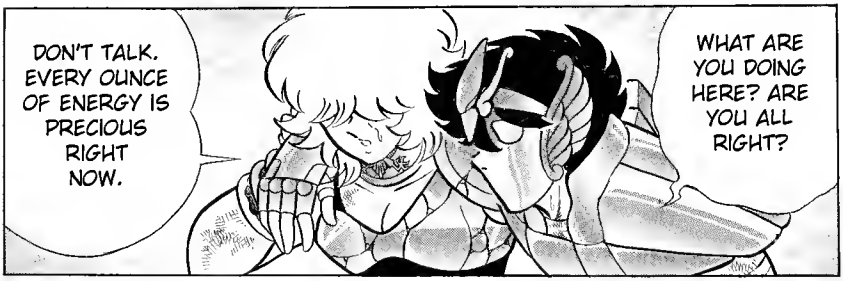

WH-WHO COULD IT BE? THIS FEELS SOMEHOW... FAMILIAR...
UNH... SOMEONE'S... HELPING ME...


KRUNCH
KRUNCH
KRUNCH

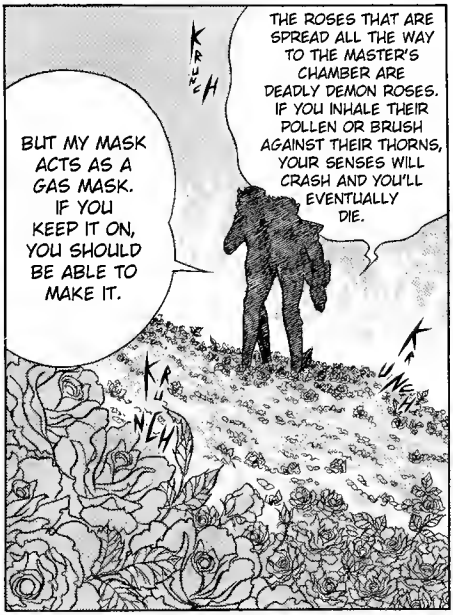

IT EVEN SMELLS LIKE HER...
IT REMINDS ME OF MY BIG SISTER...


TH-THAT VOICE...
MARIN!!


ARE YOU CONSCIOUS, SEIYA?
OH...


DON'T TALK. EVERY OUNCE OF ENERGY IS PRECIOUS RIGHT NOW.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?


I TOLD YOU NOT TO TALK. JUST FOCUS ON GETTING TO THE MASTER'S CHAMBER.
BUT MARIN! WHAT ABOUT YOU?


THE ROSES THAT ARE SPREAD ALL THE WAY TO THE MASTER'S CHAMBER ARE DEADLY DEMON ROSES. IF YOU INHALE THEIR POLLEN OR BRUSH AGAINST THEIR THORNS, YOUR SENSES WILL CRASH AND YOU'LL EVENTUALLY DIE.
BUT MY MASK ACTS AS A GAS MASK. IF YOU KEEP IT ON, YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE IT.
KRUNCH
KRUNCH
KRUNCH

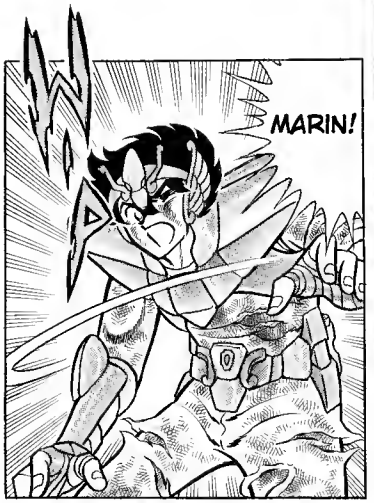

P-PLEASE, SEIYA...
SHUDDER


HEH... I WAS GOING TO CARRY YOU ALL THE WAY THERE, BUT I GUESS THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN...
M-MARIN ...
JUMP
UNH...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, SEIYA... JUST GO ON...
M-MARIN, YOU'RE SO BATTERED! IT WASN'T JUST THE DEMON ROSES...WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
TAP
SHAKE
A-AS LONG AS YOU WEAR THAT MASK...YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO DASH THROUGH IN ONE BREATH. NOW HURRY... SEI...
MARIN !!
MARIN ...

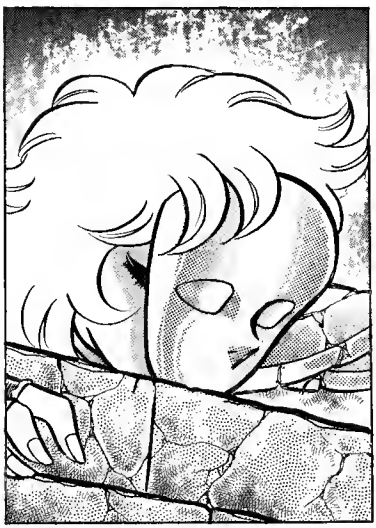

READ THIS WAY
IF I'D KNOWN IT WAS THE ROSES, I'D HAVE DEALT WITH THEM BEFORE...
I'LL INCINERATE THEM ALL...
I CAN'T GO ON AT THE COST OF MARIN'S LIFE...
UGH...
MARIN...
BURN, MY COSMO!!
GIVE ME A MIRACLE...


PEGASUS
METEOR
PUNCH!!

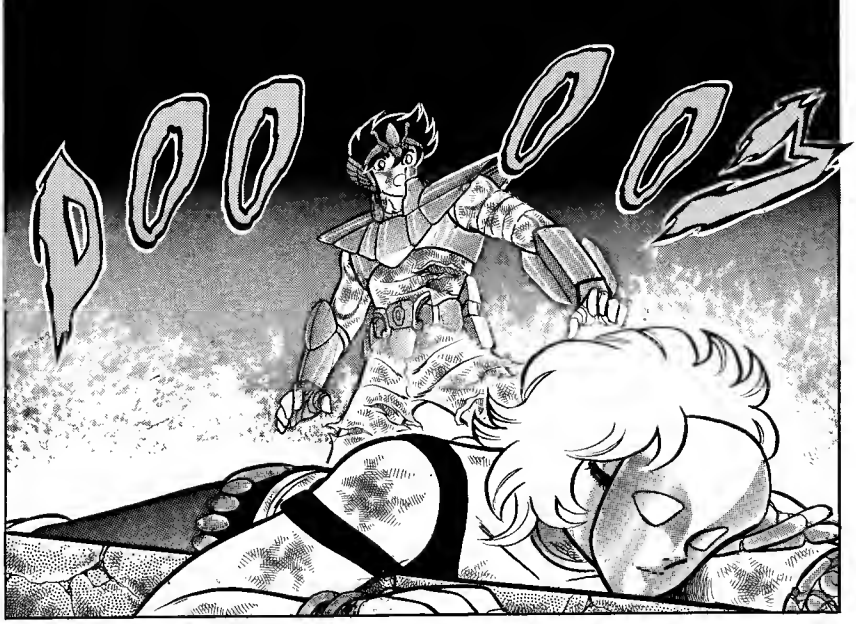

BAKKO
BEGONE, DEMON ROSES!!


MARIN!

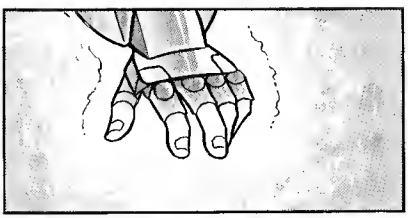

OH!

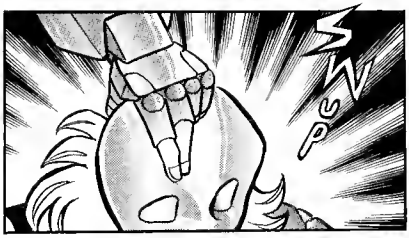


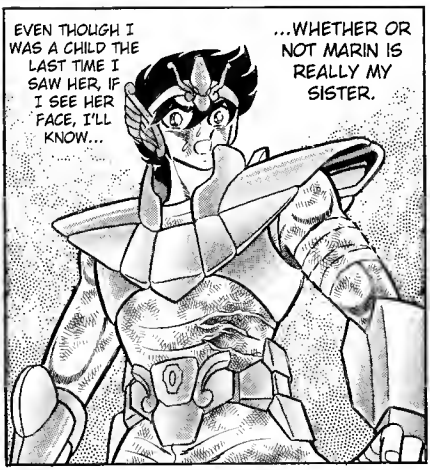

I...I DID IT! MY METEOR PUNCHES BLASTED THE DEMON ROSES AWAY!!
I COULDN'T SEE THE STAIRS BEFORE BECAUSE OF THE MIST OF FLOWERS. CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? THE MASTER'S CHAMBER IS JUST AHEAD!!


DOOOM


MY SENSES WERE DULLED BEFORE, BUT NOW I CAN SEE FOR MYSELF...
MARIN'S MASK HAS COME LOOSE.




SNAP


EVEN THOUGH I WAS A CHILD THE LAST TIME I SAW HER, IF I SEE HER FACE, I'LL KNOW...
...WHETHER OR NOT MARIN IS REALLY MY SISTER.


A FEMALE KNIGHT WOULD RATHER BE SEEN NAKED...
...THAN WITHOUT HER MASK. THAT'S WHAT SHINA SAID.


AND RIGHT NOW, TAKING DOWN THE MASTER AND SAVING ATHENA ARE ALL THAT MATTER...


IT FEELS LIKE I'M ABOUT TO COMMIT SOME TERRIBLE SIN!
UGH. N-NO! I CAN'T DO IT!


OH!
AND YOU WOULDN'T WANT MARIN TO KILL YOU BECAUSE YOU LOOKED AT HER FACE, WOULD YOU? HEH...
THAT'S RIGHT, SEIYA.


YOU ONLY HAVE 30 MINUTES TO SAVE ATHENA!
RIGHT! THANKS, SHINA!


SHINA!


LEAVE MARIN TO ME AND HURRY ON!


SEIYA...
KA-UNCH
SO...
THIS BATTLE WILL BE OVER SOON, AND THEN MAYBE MARIN WILL SHOW YOU HER TRUE FACE.
...DON'T YOU DARE DIE.

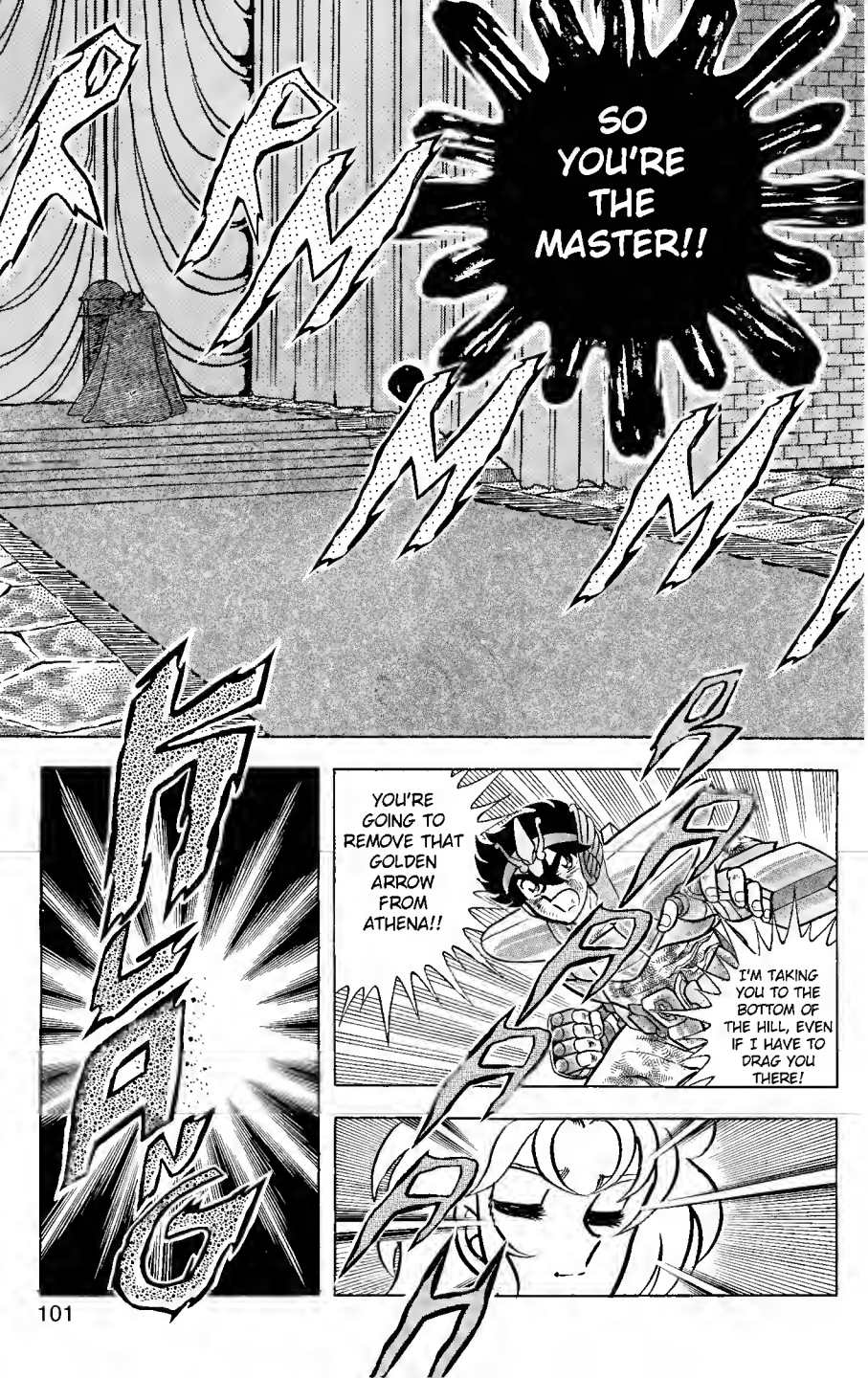

STOMP STOMP
THE MASTER'S CHAMBER !!
UNH... THE DOOR'S HEAVY.
IT WON'T BUDGE!
IN THAT CASE...
TOMP


PEGASUS METEOR PUNCH!!
UNH !!


THE MASTER!!
I'M IMPRESSED THAT YOU MADE IT THIS FAR...
HELLO, SEIYA.
WHA...
WHAT? YOU'RE...


YOU'RE THE MASTER!?

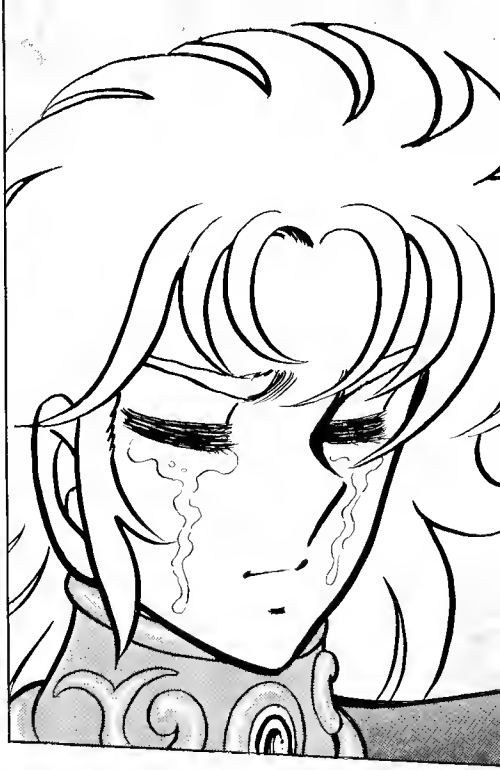

IN HALF AN HOUR, ATHENA WILL BE DEAD!!
DON'T GIVE ME THAT ACT! THERE'S NO TIME FOR REPENTANCE NOW!
GRRRR
SEIYA, I REALLY AM IMPRESSED THAT YOU MADE IT THROUGH ALL OF THE 12 PALACES.
YOU ARE TRULY A BRAVE AND POWERFUL KNIGHT OF ATHENA.


SO YOU'RE THE MASTER!!
YOU'RE GOING TO REMOVE THAT GOLDEN ARROW FROM ATHENA!!
I'M TAKING YOU TO THE BOTTOM OF THE HILL, EVEN IF I HAVE TO DRAG YOU THERE!


WH-
WHAT?
I'M SORRY, SEIYA, BUT NOT EVEN I CAN REMOVE THE GOLDEN ARROW.
WHAT?
YOU CAN'T TALK YOUR WAY OUT OF THIS NOW!
WE WERE TOLD THAT YOU COULD!
KLANK


PEGASUS METEOR PUNCH!!
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAT?
HE DIDN'T EVEN TRY TO BLOCK THE METEOR PUNCHES!

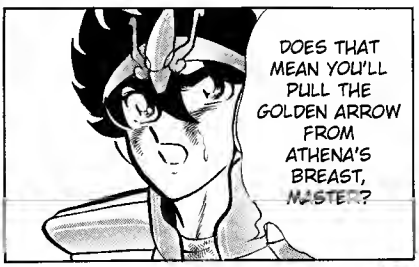

TEARS? BUT WHY?
MASTER?




SEIYA, THE THINGS I'VE DONE ARE UN-FORGIVABLE...
...BUT I AM...


NO... THIS IS NO TIME FOR CON-FESSIONS.
WE CAN'T WASTE A SECOND IF WE WISH TO SAVE ATHENA'S LIFE, SEIYA.

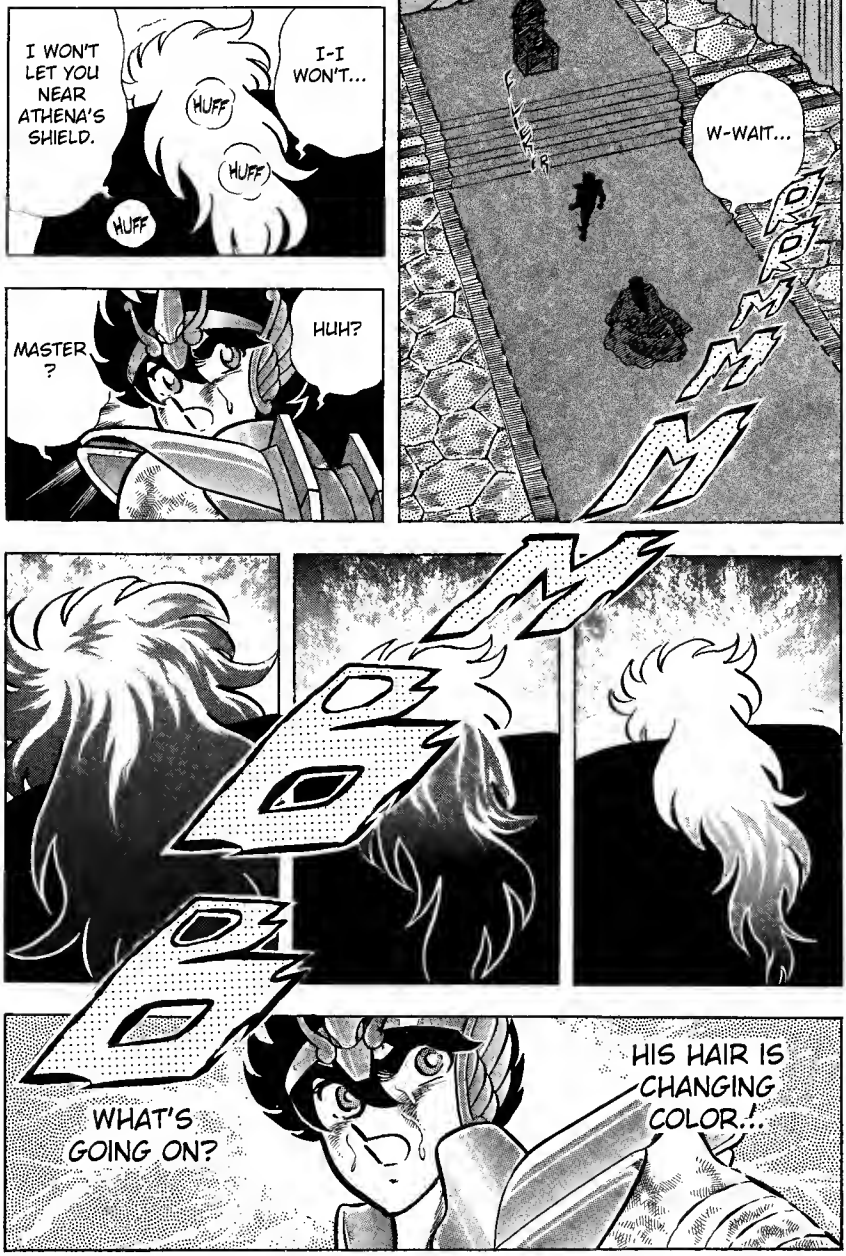

NO. AS I SAID, EVEN I CANNOT REMOVE THE GOLDEN ARROW.
B-BUT... THEN...
LISTEN, SEIYA.

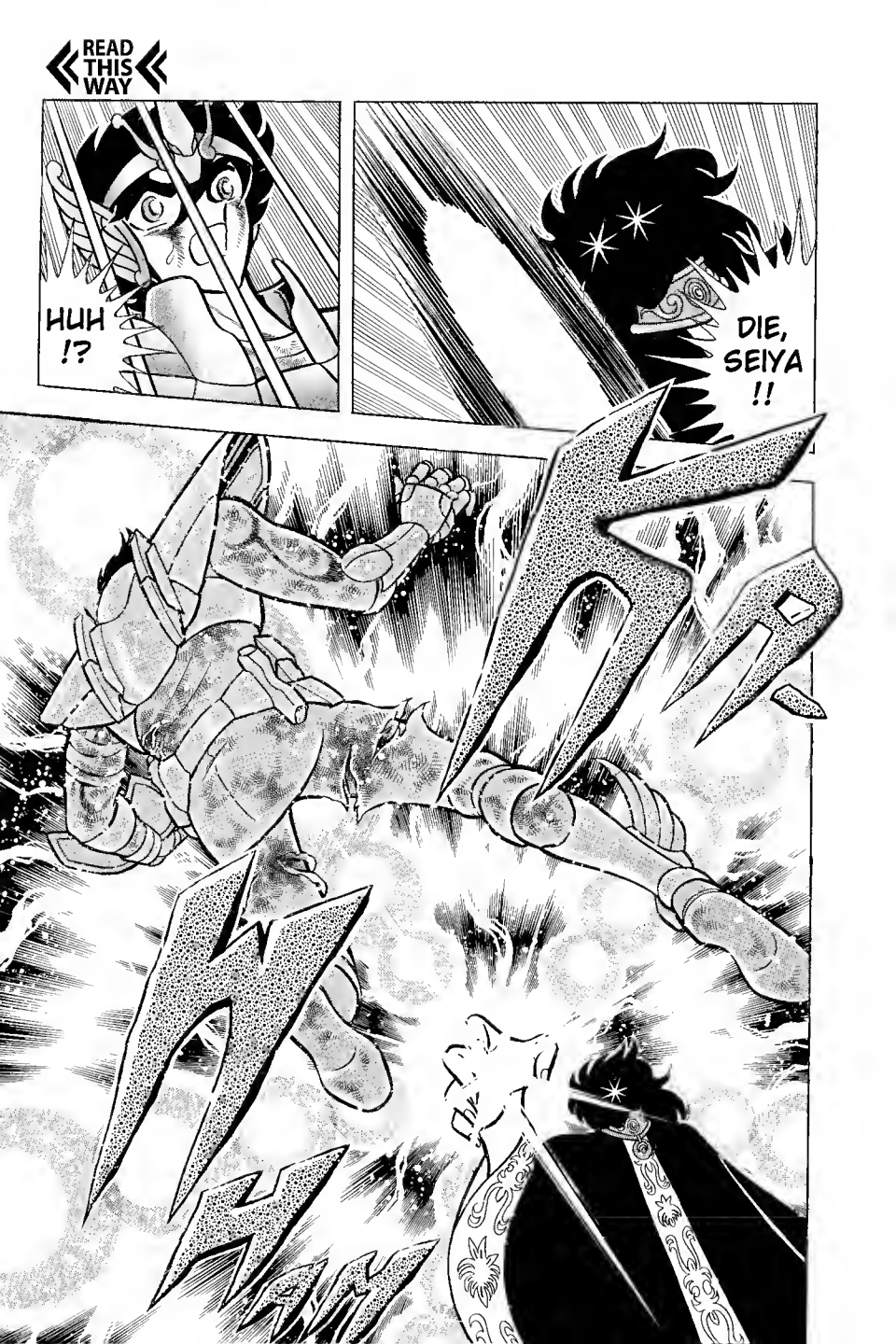

DOES THAT MEAN YOU'LL PULL THE GOLDEN ARROW FROM ATHENA'S BREAST, MASTER?


BEYOND THIS CHAMBER, IN ATHENA'S SHRINE, IS A STATUE OF ATHENA THAT HAS STOOD SINCE THE ERA OF MYTH.
A STATUE?
YES. IN THE DISTANT PAST...
...IT HELD, IN ITS RIGHT HAND, A STATUETTE OF THE GODDESS VICTORY, AND, IN ITS LEFT, A SHIELD.
THOSE TWO THINGS ARE ATHENA'S GUARDIANS!
VICTORY AND THE SHIELD !!


BUT THE STATUETTE IS NO LONGER HERE. 13 YEARS AGO, AIOROS CARRIED IT OFF ALONG WITH THE BABY ATHENA.
FOR MANY YEARS, ATHENA WAS PROTECTED BY BOTH THE SAGITTARIUS CLOTH AND VICTORY...UNTIL NOW.
BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS STATUETTE.
YOU MUST'VE SEEN IT!
THOUGH VICTORY CHANGED HER SHAPE, SHE HAS ALWAYS REMAINED IN ATHENA'S RIGHT HAND.
WHAT?
YOU MEAN...
THE GOLDEN STAFF!!
THE GOLDEN STAFF THAT PRINCESS SIENNA ALWAYS CARRIES IS REALLY THE GODDESS VICTORY!!


...IS THE SHIELD OF JUSTICE THAT CAN FEND OFF ANY EVIL ATTACK!
AND THE SHIELD IN HER LEFT HAND...
THIS MAY BE WHY YOU'VE ALWAYS MANAGED TO WIN, EVEN AGAINST THE MOST POWERFUL OPPONENTS.
YES. AND, TRUE TO HER NAME, SHE LEADS KNIGHTS TO VICTORY.
ARE YOU SICK?
WHAT'S WRONG, MASTER?
TH-THEREFORE...
HUFF
HUFF
DO YOU UNDERSTAND, SEIYA? IT IS NOT I, BUT ATHENA'S SHIELD, THAT HAS THE POWER TO SAVE ATHENA'S LIFE...
MASTER, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
H-HURRY...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
I-IT'S NOTHING... HURRY INTO THE SHRINE AND AIM THE SHIELD IN ATHENA'S DIRECTION...
IF YOU DO THAT, THE GOLDEN ARROW IN HER BREAST WILL VANISH WITHOUT A TRACE...
HUFF
OKAY, BUT I'LL BE BACK AFTER I GET THE SHIELD!
FORGET ABOUT ME! GO, SEIYA!

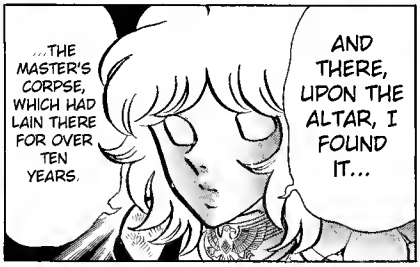

I WON'T LET YOU NEAR ATHENA'S SHIELD.
I-I WON'T...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
W-WAIT...
RRRRRR
MASTER ?
HUH?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
HIS HAIR IS CHANGING COLOR..!


READ THIS WAY
HUH !?
DIE, SEIYA !!


MARIN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
HUFF
HUFF
IT'S YOU, SHINA...
OH...
SEIYA!!
HE'S GONE TO THE MASTER'S CHAMBER.
HUFF
WHERE'S SEIYA?
STAR HILL.
BUT THAT PLACE IS FORBIDDEN. ONLY THE MASTER CAN GO THERE.
STAR HILL?
MARIN, YOU'RE SO BRUISED AND BATTERED! WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?
HUFF
HUFF
GOOD...


WHEN I LEFT SEIYA IN JAPAN, I DECIDED TO EXPOSE THE MASTER'S TRUE IDENTITY. I THOUGHT THAT ONLY STAR HILL COULD HOLD THE KEY TO THE SECRET, SO I STOLE UP TO THE SUMMIT, NARROWLY AVOIDING DEATH.
YES. GENERATIONS OF MASTERS HAVE GONE TO STAR HILL TO OBSERVE THE STARS AND DIVINE THE EARTH'S FORTUNE. IT IS THE CLOSEST PLACE TO THE HEAVENS IN THE WORLD--SO SACRED THAT NOT EVEN A KNIGHT MAY GO THERE.


THEN WHO IS THE MASTER NOW? WHO HAS SEIYA GONE TO CHALLENGE?
WHAT? THE MASTER'S CORPSE?


...THE MASTER'S CORPSE, WHICH HAD LAIN THERE FOR OVER TEN YEARS.
AND THERE, UPON THE ALTAR, I FOUND IT...


HEH HEH HEH... FOOL! I'M NOT GOING TO STAND BACK AND ALLOW YOU TO ENTER ATHENA'S SHRINE!
UNH...
WHAT THE... WHAT'S GOING ON?
A MOMENT AGO HE SEEMED SORRY FOR HIS CRIMES, BUT THEN HE SUDDENLY CHANGED!
HEH HEH HEH... ONCE I DESTROY ATHENA AND OBTAIN THE GODDESS VICTORY THAT AIOROS STOLE, NOTHING CAN STOP ME...
WHICH ONE OF THEM IS THE REAL MASTER?
IT'S LIKE HE TRANS-FORMED FROM A GOD INTO A DEVIL...

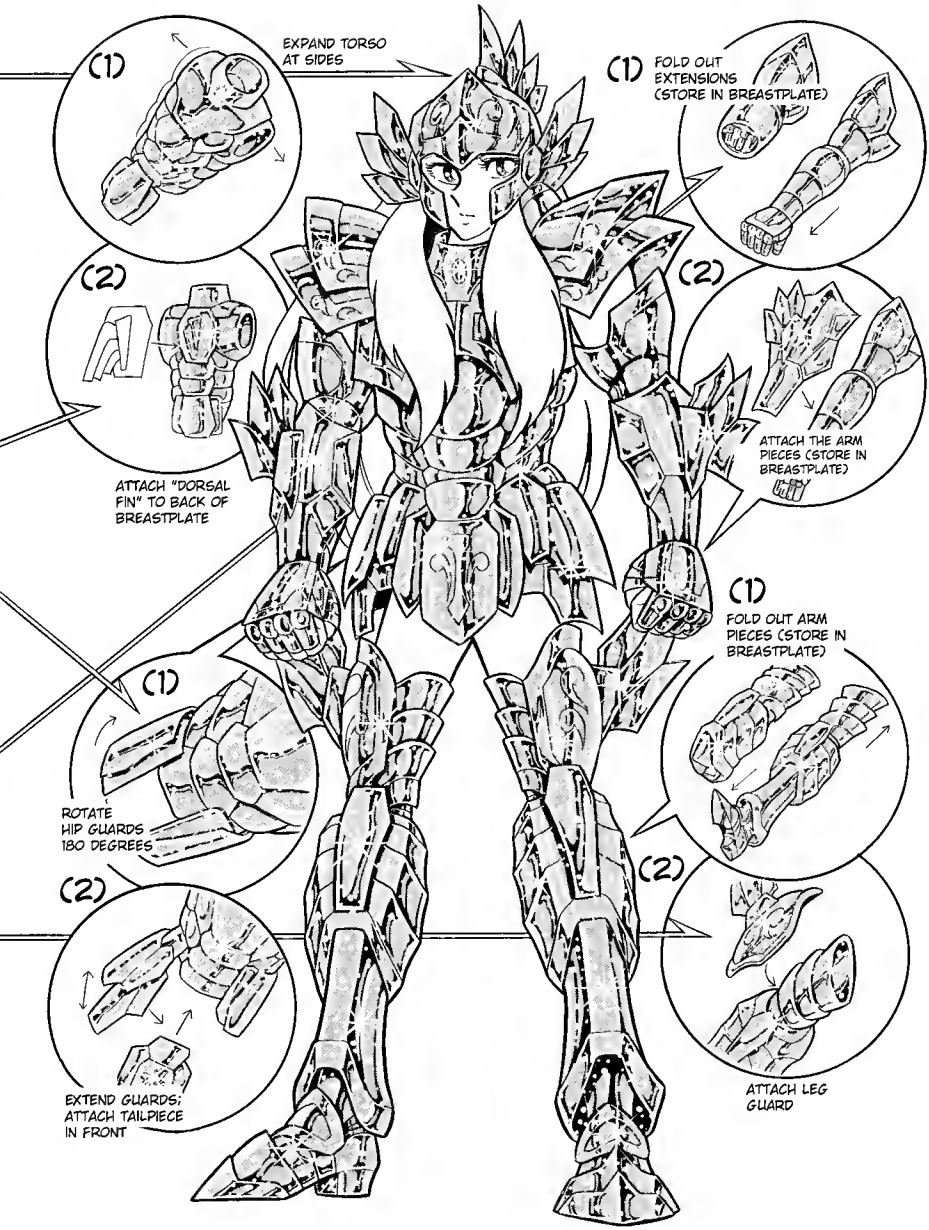

WITH VICTORY AND ATHENA'S SHIELD, I CAN WITHSTAND ANY ATTACK FROM GOD OR DEMON! THEN I WILL BE THE EQUAL OF POSEIDON, HADES AND EVEN ZEUS! I WILL RULE THE WORLD!
AND I WILL NO LONGER HAVE TO ACT IN ATHENA'S NAME, BUT WILL RULE THIS PLANET IN MY OWN RIGHT!! HEH HEH HEH...


STAGGER
NO! IT'S THE MASTER'S JOB TO COUNSEL AND ASSIST ATHENA IN MAINTAINING PEACE ON EARTH...
I...I'VE GOT TO STOP YOU...
PEGASUS-METEOR PUNCH!!

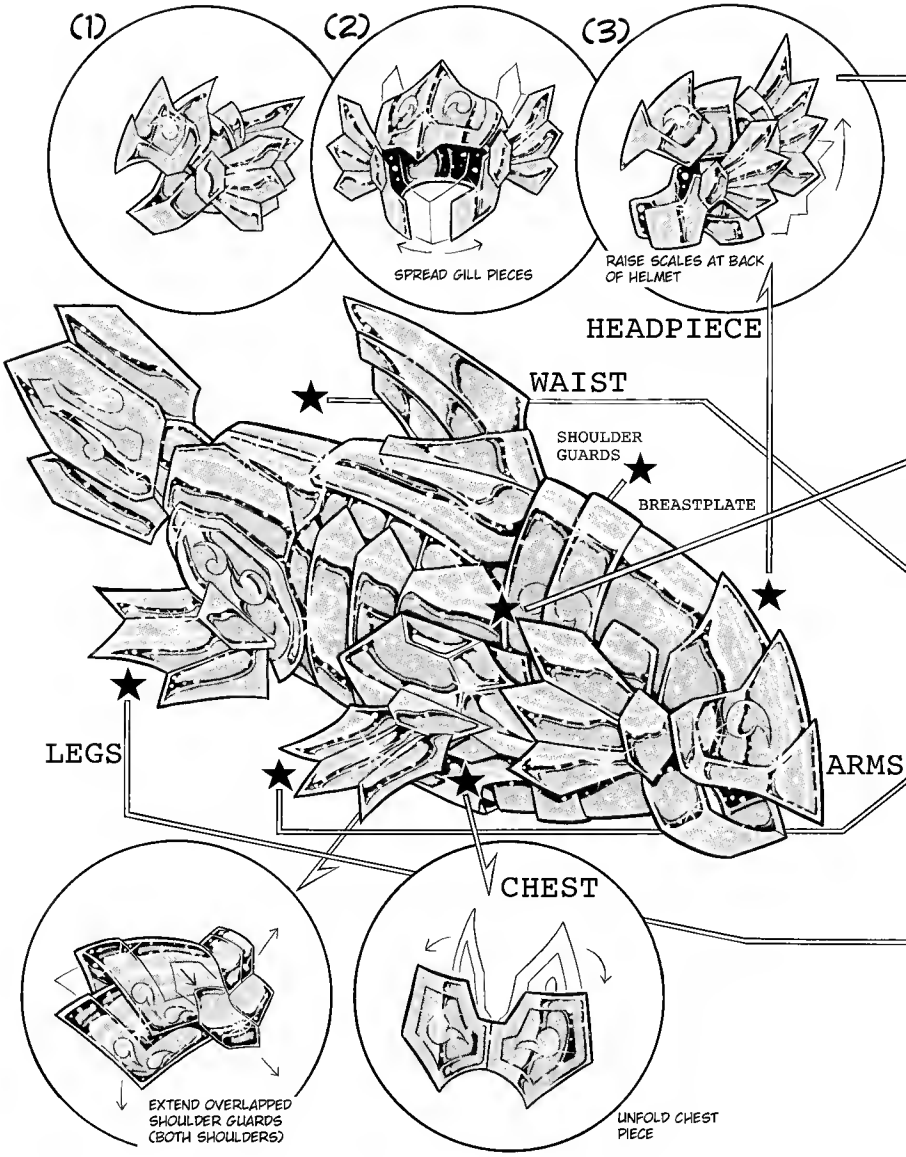

READ THIS WAY
COME AND SHEATHE MY BODY!
COME, MY CLOTH!!
HA HA HA!! DON'T YOU SEE? NO ATTACK OF YOURS CAN STOP ME!
AND I HAVE NO MORE NEED FOR THAT UNCOM-FORTABLE ROBE.
WHAT?
WHA...
BUT THAT'S...
THAT CLOTH BEHIND THE MASTER...


THE GEMINI CLOTH!!


IT'S THE GOLD GEMINI CLOTH!!
NO... THEN THE MASTER'S TRUE IDENTITY IS...

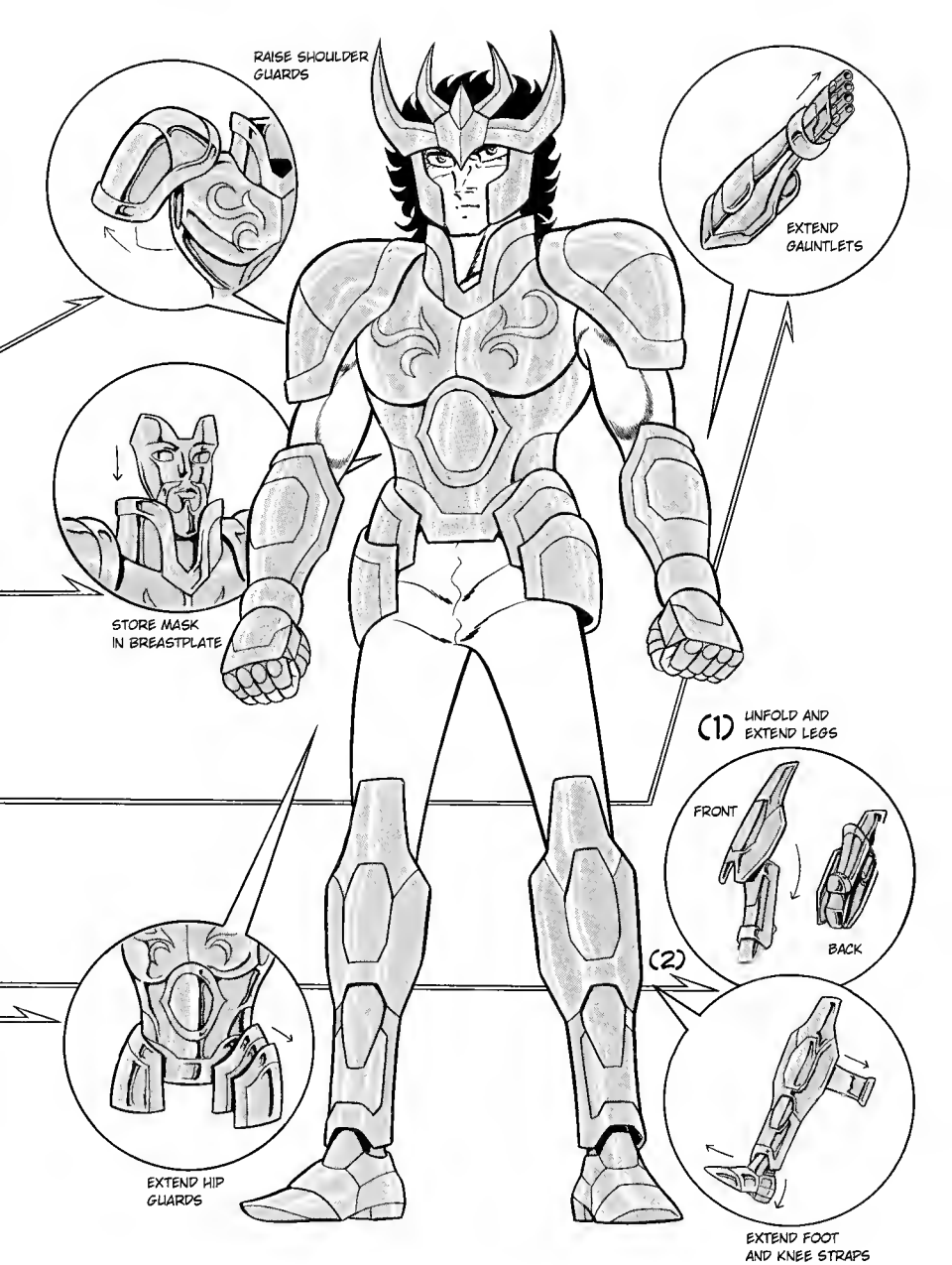



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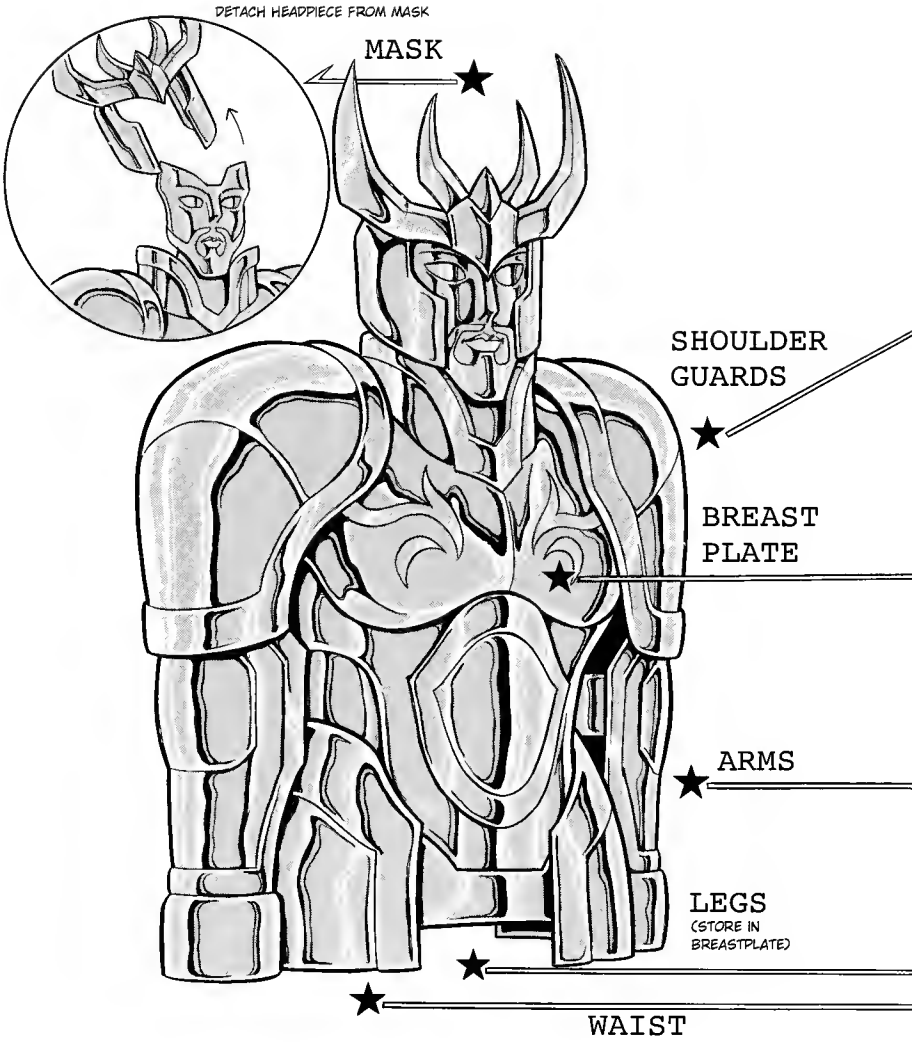



GOLD CLOTH BREAKDOWN AND FITTING CHART 12

# THE PISCES CLOTH

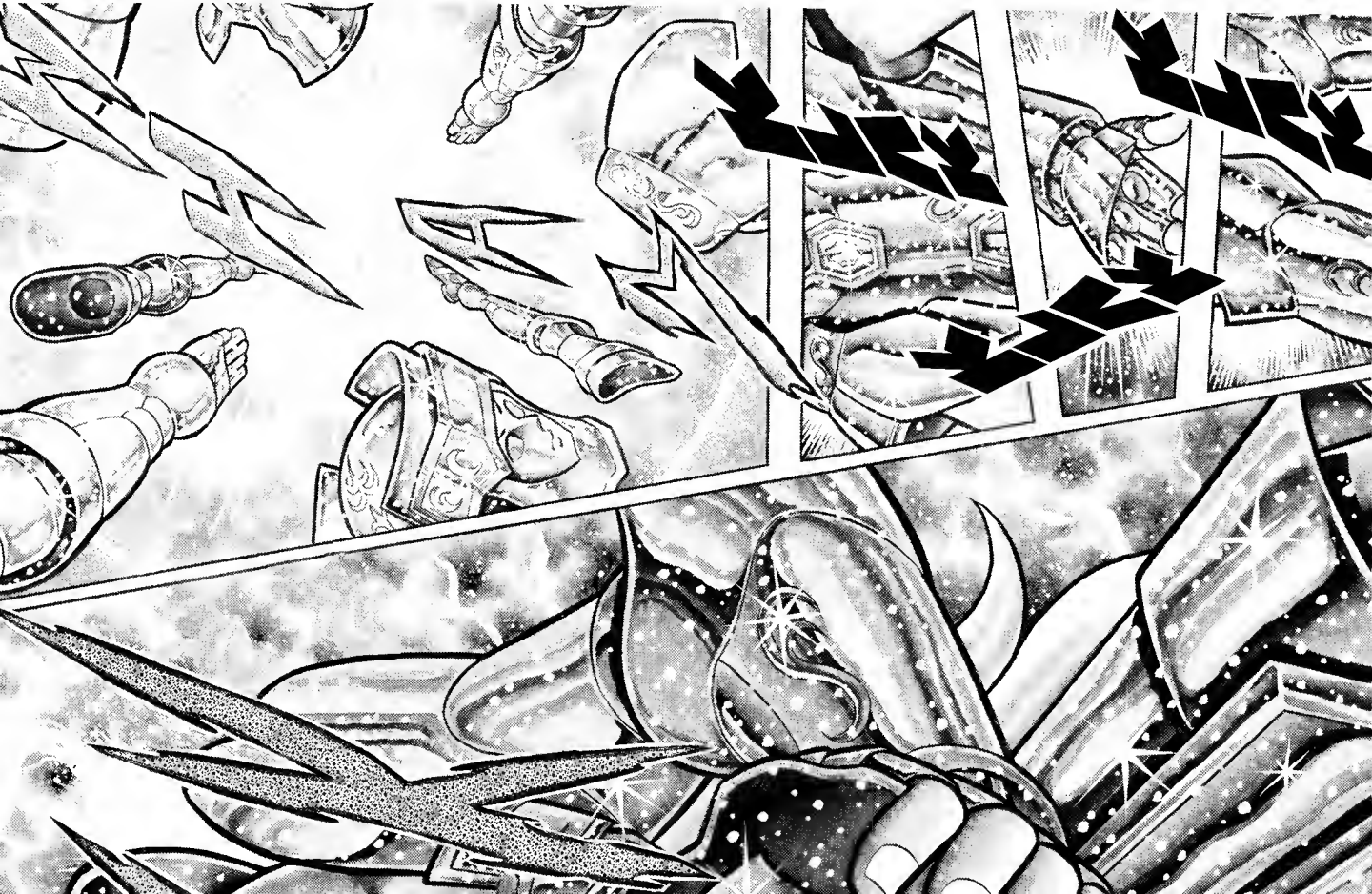



CLOTH BREAKDOWN AND FITTING CHART XLI




SILVER CLOTH BREAKDOWN AND FITTING CHART 15

# THE CEPHEUS CLOTH




GEMINI:
THE MAN WITH
TWO FACES


WHY?
BUT NOW?
...AND I WON'T BOTHER TO ENLIGHTEN YOU!
YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING, BOY...
...ONE OF THE TWELVE GOLD KNIGHTS!
GEMINI... THEN THE MASTER IS...
FLY INTO SOME OTHER DIMENSION!!
THE DIMENSION OF EXILE!!


WHAT'S HAPPENING !?
WHAT?

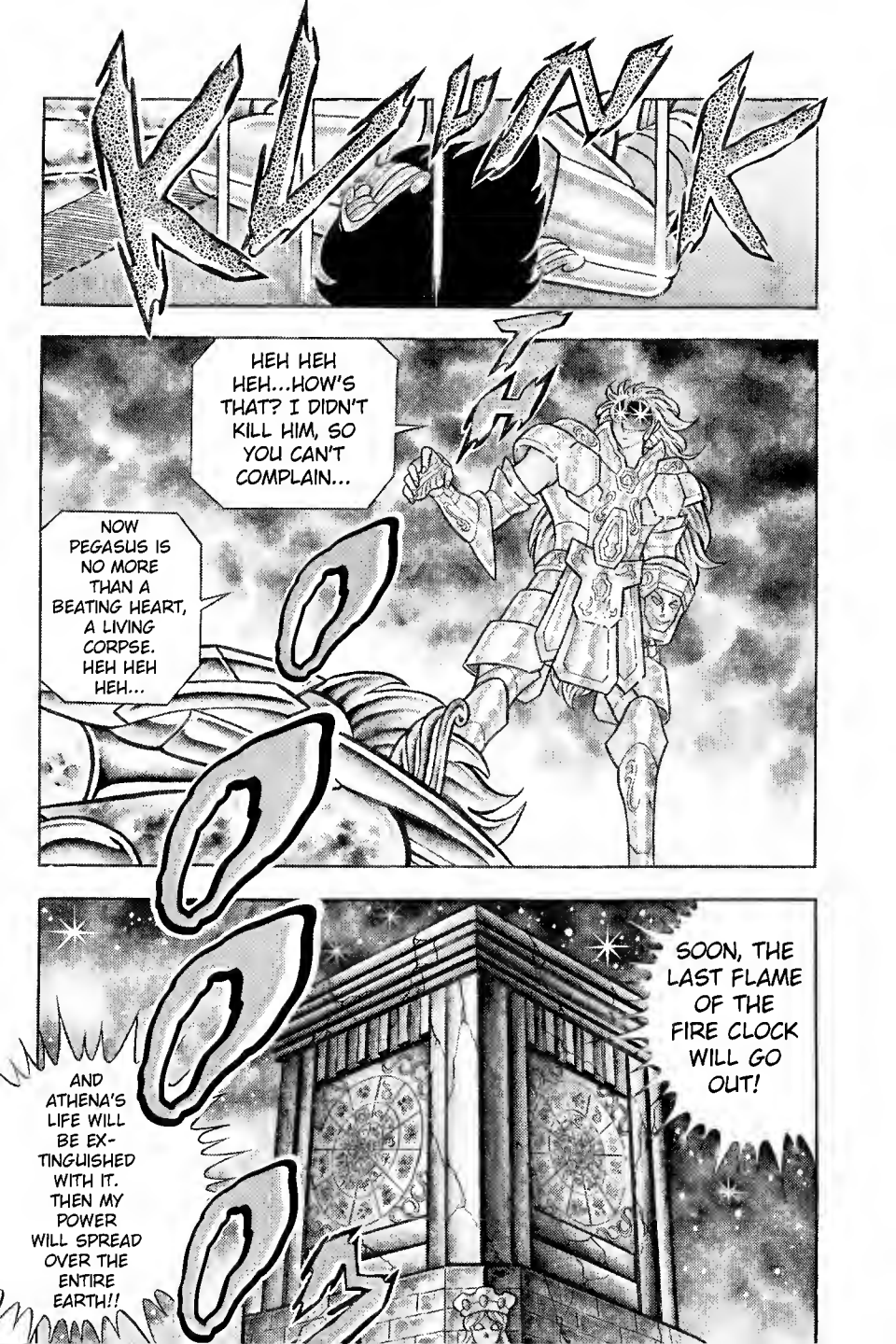

INTER-
DIMENSIONAL
SPACE!?


READ THIS WAY
YES, SEIYA, YOU'RE GOING TO SPEND ETERNITY DRIFTING IN A DIMENSION FROM WHICH THERE IS NO ESCAPE!
AH HA HA HA HA!!
I'M IN ANOTHER DIMENSION !!
AAAAAH!!


I THOUGHT I'D BEEN THROWN INTO ANOTHER DIMENSION...
WHA... I'M BACK IN THE MASTER'S CHAMBER...
UNH!!
UNH...
GEMINI...
HEY!
AND AFTER I HAD SENT PEGASUS TO THE DIMENSION OF EXILE...
UNH... FOOL... INTER-FERING...
WHAT SECRETS HIDE WITHIN GEMINI'S BODY?
HE'S DOUBLING OVER IN PAIN AGAIN...


READ THIS WAY
HUFF
I WON'T LET YOU KILL SEIYA BEFORE HE CAN SAVE ATHENA'S LIFE...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
STOP! DON'T ADD TO YOUR CRIMES!
INSTEAD, I SHALL MERELY DEPRIVE HIM OF HIS FIVE SENSES AND TURN HIM INTO A HUMAN VEGETABLE! HA HA HA...
VERY WELL! IF YOU WANT TO SAVE PEGASUS'S LIFE SO BADLY, I WON'T INSIST ON KILLING HIM.
SILENCE! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOU, I'D HAVE TAKEN OVER THE WORLD LONG AGO!!
HIS SENSES ARE ALREADY DULLED FROM THE DEATH MATCHES HE FOUGHT ON THE WAY HERE.
ONE OF MY LIGHT-SPEED PUNCHES WILL NEUTRALIZE PEGASUS IN AN INSTANT.
BUT YOU ALWAYS INTERFERED AT A CRUCIAL MOMENT! IF NOT FOR THAT-- AAAGH!!
UNH!


WHAT ?
MY MOUTH JUST WENT NUMB...
AGH!
FIRST-- TASTE!!
HEARING !!
SMELL !!
SIGHT !!
TOUCH !!
AAH!


KLANK
HEH HEH HEH...HOW'S THAT? I DIDN'T KILL HIM, SO YOU CAN'T COMPLAIN...
NOW PEGASUS IS NO MORE THAN A BEATING HEART, A LIVING CORPSE. HEH HEH HEH...
SOON, THE LAST FLAME OF THE FIRE CLOCK WILL GO OUT!
AND ATHENA'S LIFE WILL BE EXTINGUISHED WITH IT. THEN MY POWER WILL SPREAD OVER THE ENTIRE EARTH!!


ARIES KNIGHT MÛ!!
TWITCH
MÛ!!
YES, MÛ. I NEED YOUR HELP. I'VE BEEN CAST INTO A DIMENSION BETWEEN TIME AND SPACE...
A VOICE IS SPEAKING DIRECTLY TO MY COSMO... IS THAT YOU, SHAKA?
VERY WELL.
I'LL RETURN HIM TO THE PALACE OF THE MAIDEN...
MMMMM
BBB
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO RETURN WITHOUT MY HELP.
EVEN AMONG THE GOLD KNIGHTS, ONLY YOUR PSYCHOKINETIC POWERS ARE SUFFICIENT TO THIS TASK. I'LL EXPLAIN LATER...
IF IT WERE I ALONE, YES, BUT THERE IS ANOTHER HERE I WISH TO RESCUE.

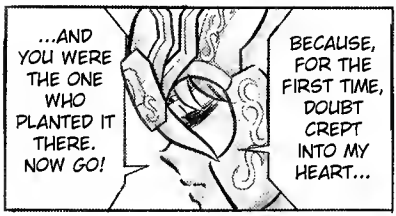

KRMMM
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KA-OOM

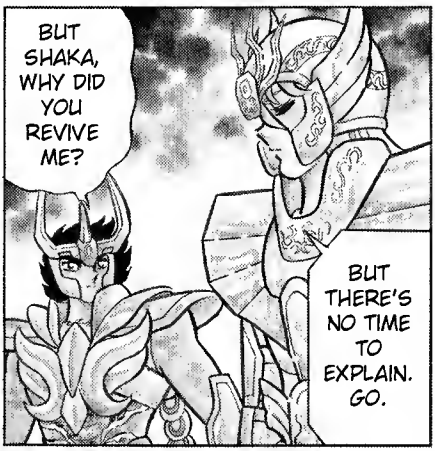

AWAKEN !!
UNH...
UNH...
CAN YOU HEAR ME, IKKI?
HUH? THE PALACE OF THE MAIDEN?
THERE'S NO TIME TO EXPLAIN. YOU MUST HURRY TO THE MASTER'S CHAMBER AT ONCE!


IF IT IS DESTROYED, IT WILL SPRING BACK TO LIFE FROM ITS ASHES.
YOUR CLOTH HAS A RE-GENERATIVE ABILITY THAT EVEN THE GOLD CLOTHS DON'T HAVE.
RIGHT NOW, IKKI, PEGASUS IS FIGHTING A DESPERATE BATTLE AGAINST THE MASTER, AND TIME IS RUNNING OUT.
THE MASTER'S CHAMBER...
SEIYA... BY HIMSELF?
AS LONG AS THERE IS EVEN A HANDFUL OF ASH, THE PHOENIX WILL FLY AGAIN.
TWNK
TWNK
TWNK
AH...


AND ITS BEAUTY AND RADIANCE ARE EVEN GREATER THAN BEFORE!! THIS IS A NEW PHOENIX CLOTH!!
THE PHOENIX CLOTH HAS RESTORED ITSELF!!
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU...
IF YOU ARE SOMEHOW ABLE TO CORNER THE MASTER, PLEASE SPARE HIS LIFE.
WHAT?


HIS TRUE SELF IS GOOD...
AS I SAID DURING OUR BATTLE, THE MASTER IS NOT EVIL, NO MATTER HOW IT MAY SEEM.


...AND YOU WERE THE ONE WHO PLANTED IT THERE. NOW GO!
BECAUSE, FOR THE FIRST TIME, DOUBT CREPT INTO MY HEART...


BUT SHAKA, WHY DID YOU REVIVE ME?
BUT THERE'S NO TIME TO EXPLAIN. GO.


...
THANK YOU, SHAKA...


I'M ON MY WAY!!
SEIYA!!


I'D BE DOING YOU A KINDNESS TO STRIKE THE FINAL BLOW.
THERE'S NOTHING MORE PATHETIC THAN WATCHING A DYING ANIMAL SUFFER.
YOU CAN'T EVEN DIE...
HA!
RIGHT ?
WHAT !?
WHERE DOES SUCH POWER COME FROM?
HIS COSMO IS RADIATING INCREDIBLE POWER, EVEN THOUGH HIS SENSES HAVE BEEN OBLITERATED!


NOTHING BUT DEATH CAN EXTINGUISH IT!
AND WHILE THERE IS LIFE LEFT IN ME, MY COSMO WILL BLAZE WITH EVER GREATER INTENSITY!
EVEN IF MY FIVE SENSES ARE GONE, GEMINI, THE FLAME OF MY LIFE STILL BURNS BRIGHT!

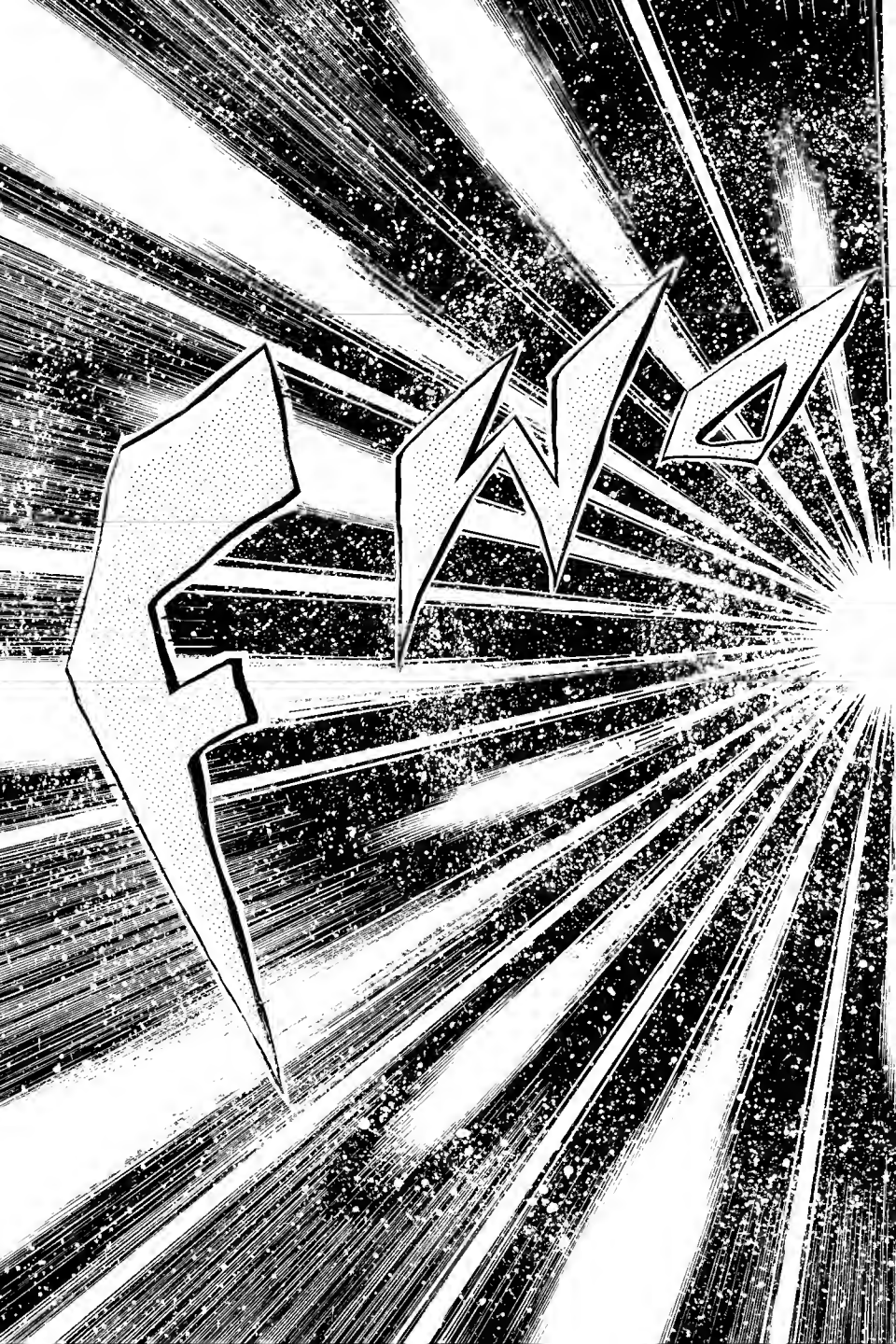

FLASH


EVEN IF MY FIVE SENSES ARE LOST, BURN, MY COSMO!
AS LONG AS I LIVE!!
TAKE GEMINI DOWN !!


FOOL! HOW MANY TIMES MUST I TELL YOU? YOUR METEOR PUNCH IS USELESS AGAINST ME!
PEGASUS METEOR PUNCH!!
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOUR PUNY MACH-SPEED STRENGTH!!
NO MATTER HOW HOT YOUR COSMO BLAZES, YOU CANNOT RAISE IT TO THE LEVEL OF A GOLD KNIGHT'S!


READ THIS WAY
YOU'LL JUST KEEP THROWING THOSE PUNCHES UNTIL YOUR ARMS ARE TORN OFF...
HA...IT SEEMS YOU'RE A ONE-TRICK PONY.
GHAAAA
MACH 1... MACH 10... MACH 35... MACH 120!
WHAT'S THIS? THE SPEED OF SEIYA'S METEOR PUNCHES IS INCREASING!
UGH!
BUT AT THIS RATE...
THEY'RE DEFINITELY GETTING FASTER...

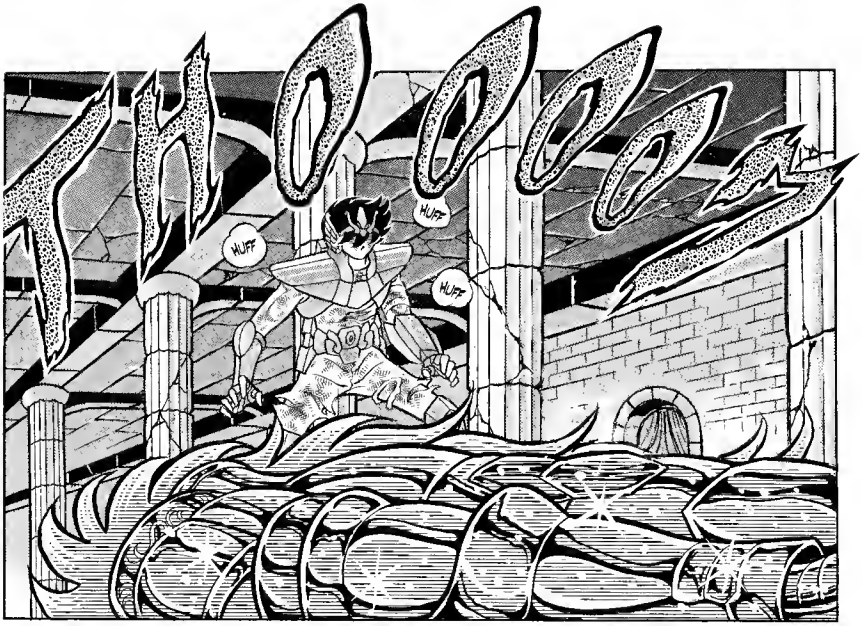





IMPOSSIBLE! THE METEOR PUNCHES HAVE TRANSFORMED INTO COUNTLESS RAYS OF LIGHT!!

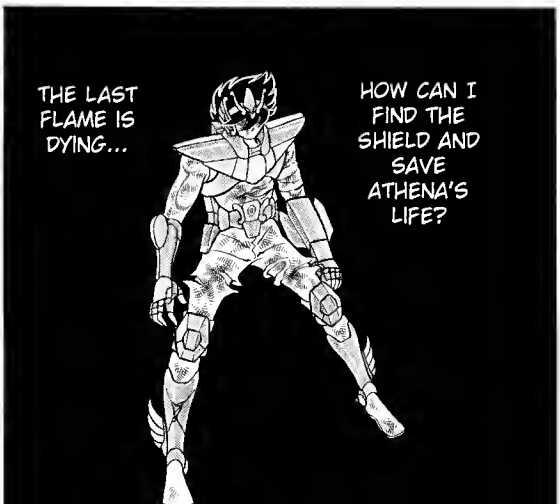

LIGHT-
SPEED
PUNCHES
!!


AAAH!!
DID HE SOMEHOW ELEVATE HIS COSMO TO THE LEVEL OF A GOLD KNIGHT'S?
HOW COULD SEIYA UNLEASH LIGHT-SPEED PUNCHES?


THOOO
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF


I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO GET TO ATHENA'S SHRINE...
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
I...I DID IT...I TOOK DOWN GEMINI...BUT MY SENSES ARE GONE.


OH!


THE LAST FLAME IS DYING...
HOW CAN I FIND THE SHIELD AND SAVE ATHENA'S LIFE?


EVEN BLIND, I CAN SENSE ITS PRESENCE !!
THE STATUE OF ATHENA !!
MY COSMO IS SHOWING ME THE WAY TO THE SHIELD !!

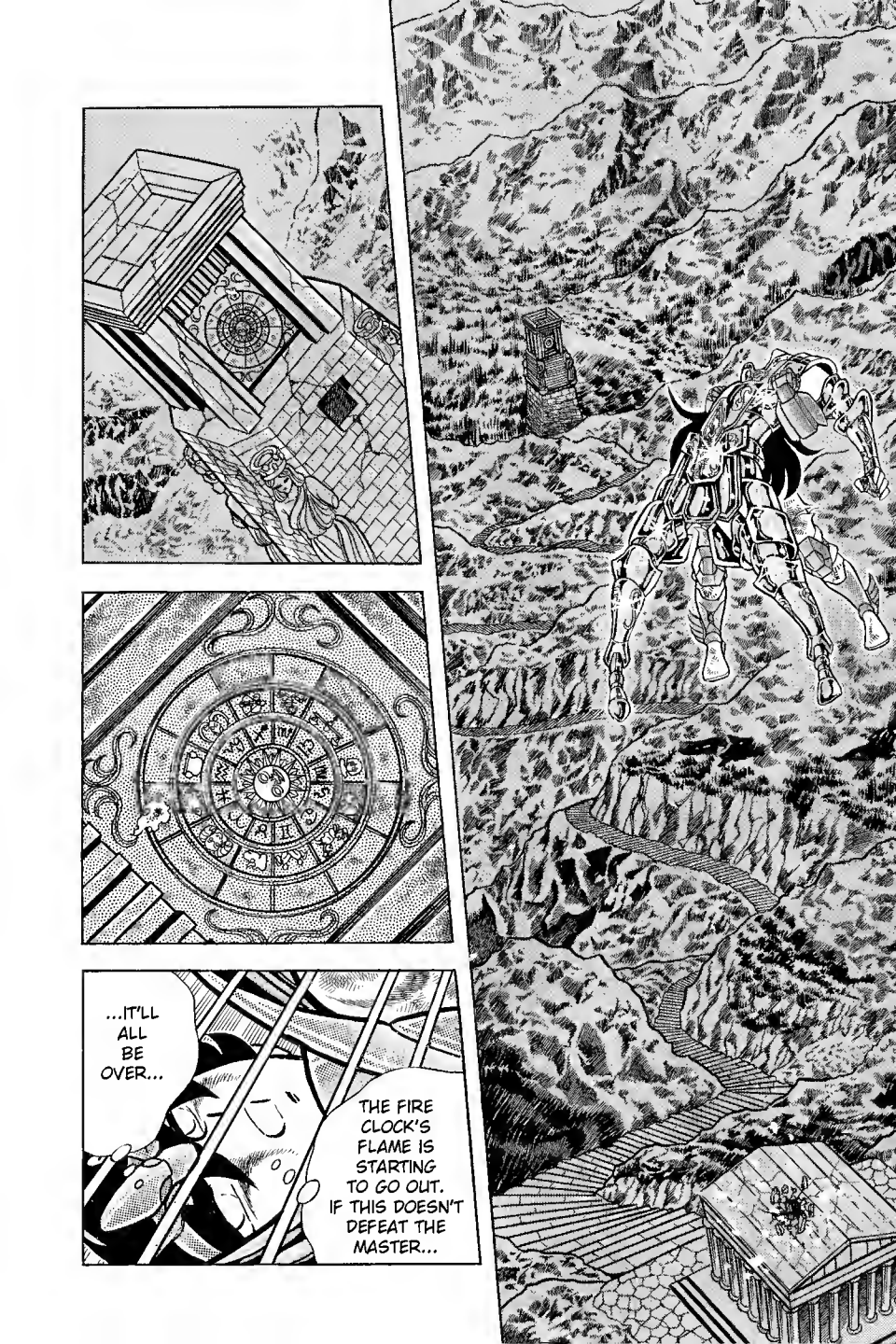

EVEN THOUGH I CAN'T FEEL MY LEGS, EVEN IF I HAVE TO CRAWL, I'LL GET THERE...
HUFF
I CAN STILL SAVE ATHENA'S LIFE...
HUFF
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HUFF
STAGGER
STAGGER

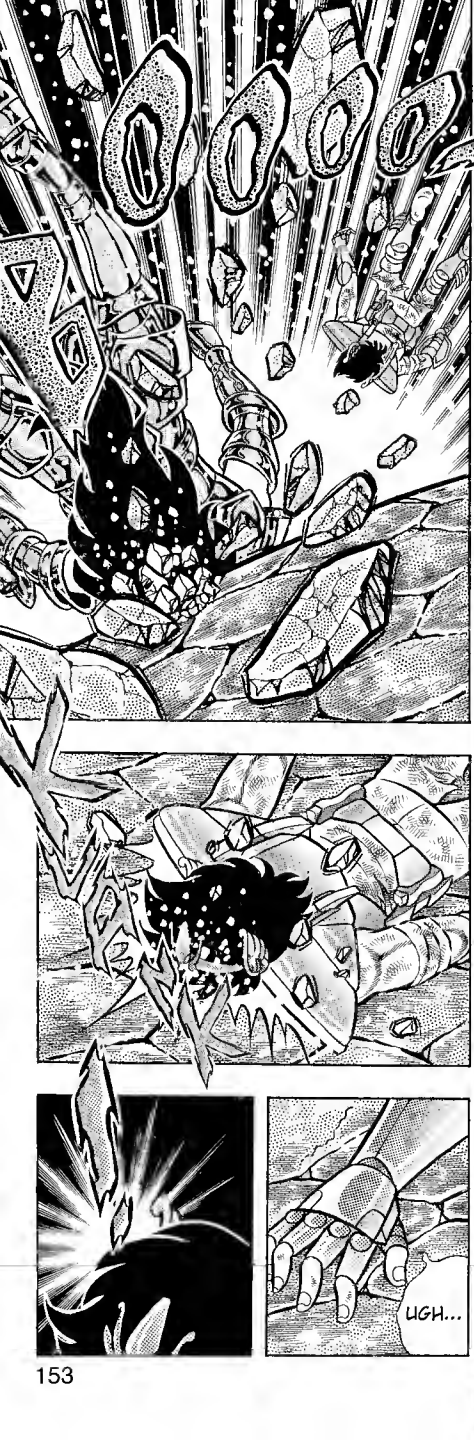

AAAGH!!
FOOL! YOU WERE NAIVE TO THINK THAT A FEW LUCKY LIGHT-SPEED PUNCHES WOULD BE ENOUGH TO FINISH ME...
DIE, SEIYA!!
BUT I WON'T TOY WITH YOU ANYMORE-- IT'S TIME TO FINISH YOU!
GRAAH!
STILL, YOU'VE DONE WELL FOR SOMEONE IN YOUR CONDITON.


WHAT!?
UNH!
...MY COSMO, FOR ATHENA !!
AGH... IT'S THE...
GIVE ME STRENGTH... JUST ONE MORE TIME...


PEGASUS
ROLLING
CRUSH!!


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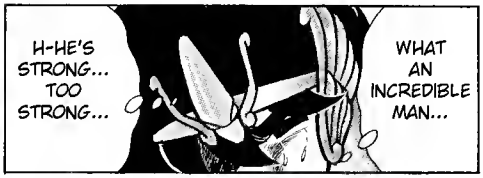

THE FIRE CLOCK'S FLAME IS STARTING TO GO OUT. IF THIS DOESN'T DEFEAT THE MASTER...
...IT'LL ALL BE OVER...

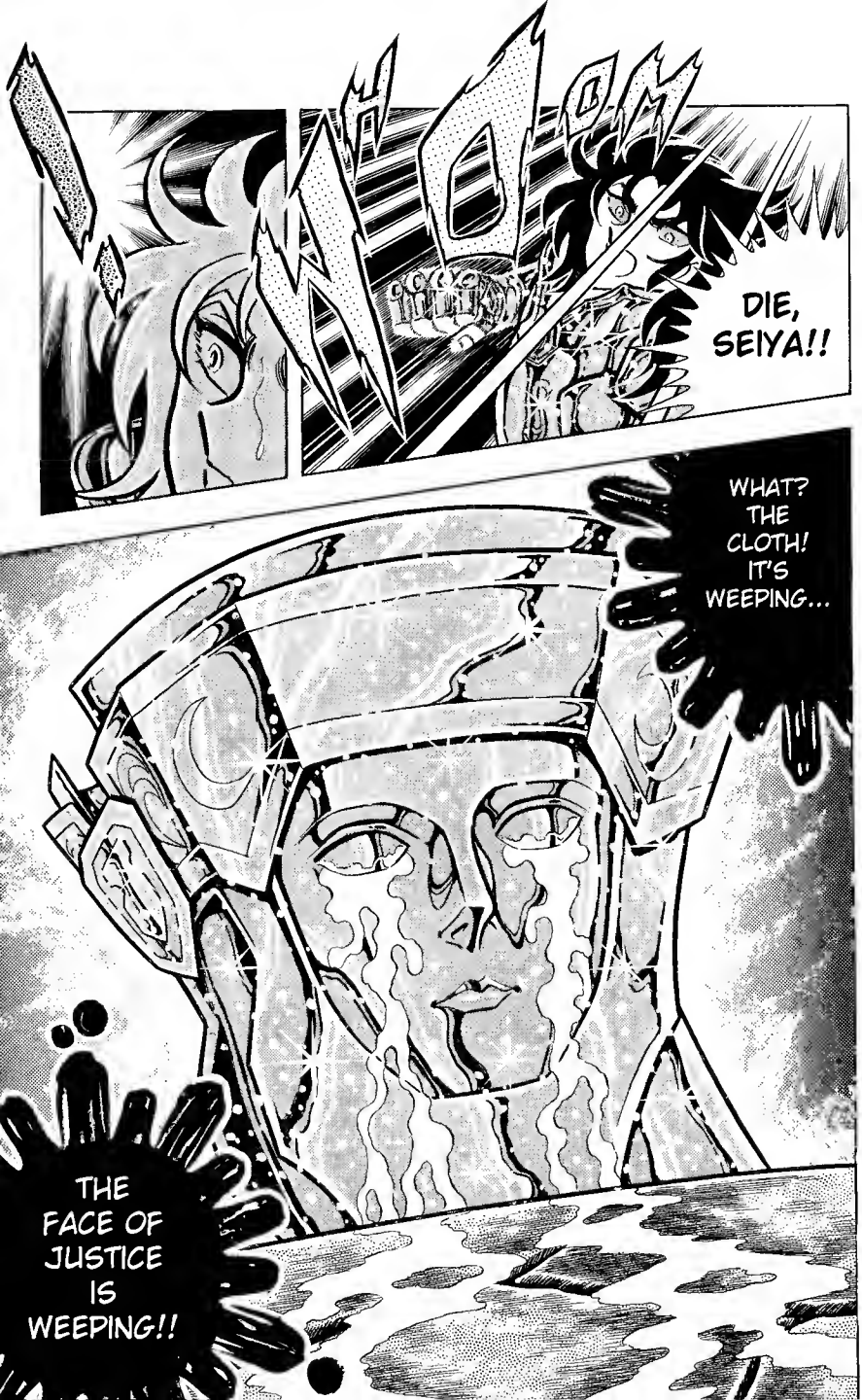

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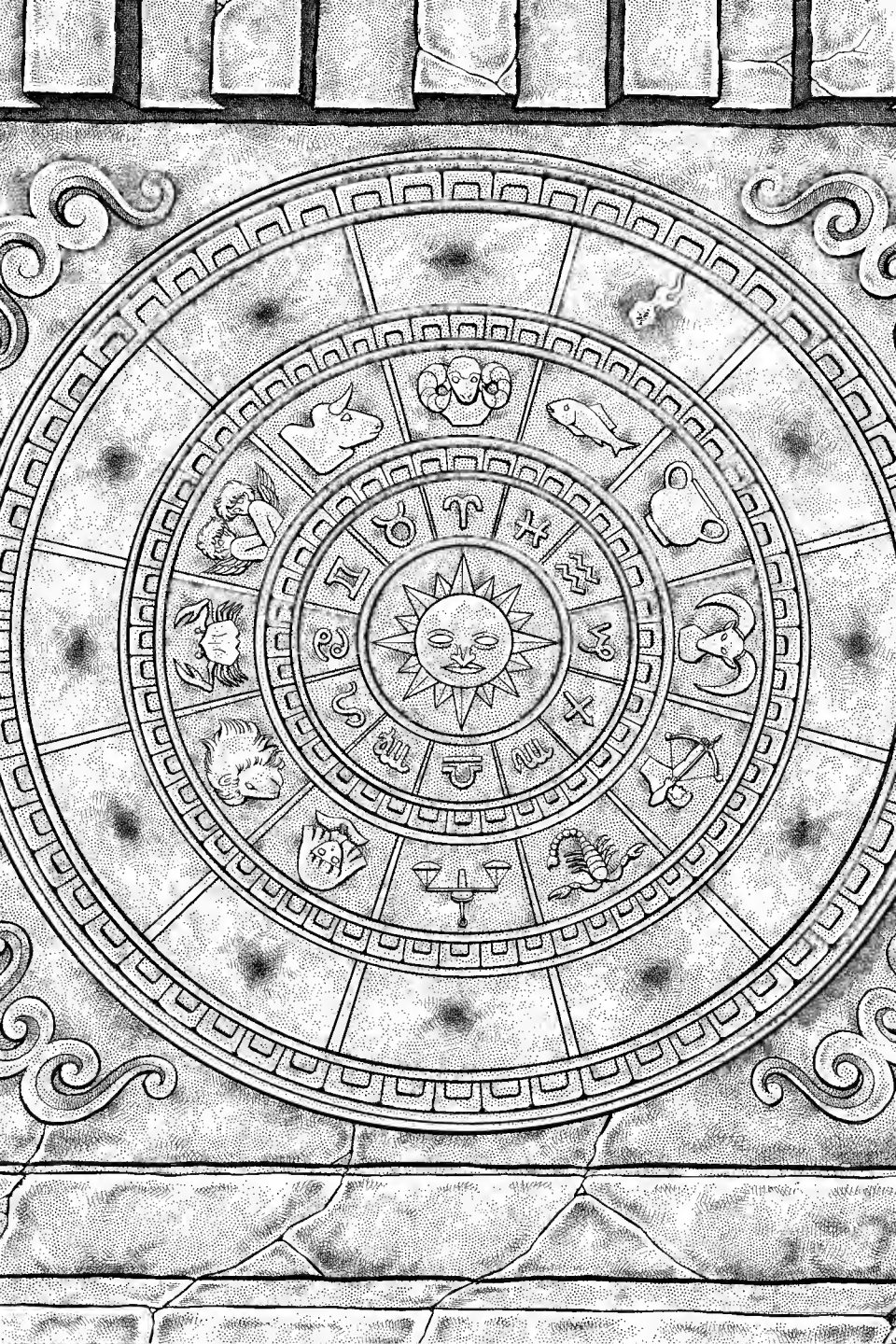


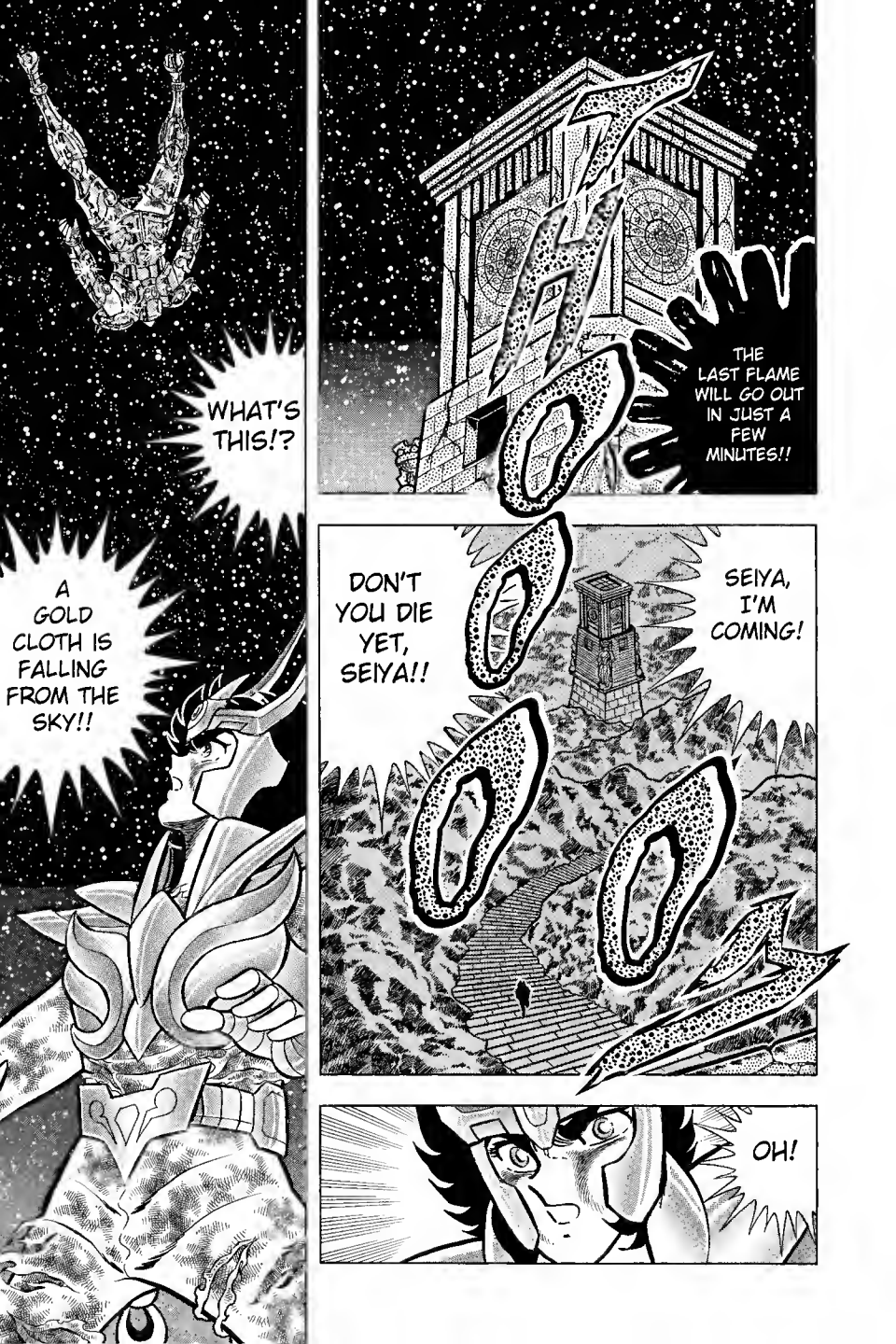

IT'S NO GOOD...
I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING LEFT...


SADLY, EVEN YOUR ULTIMATE MOVE HAS FAILED.
HEH HEH HEH...THE PEGASUS ROLLING CRUSH, EH?

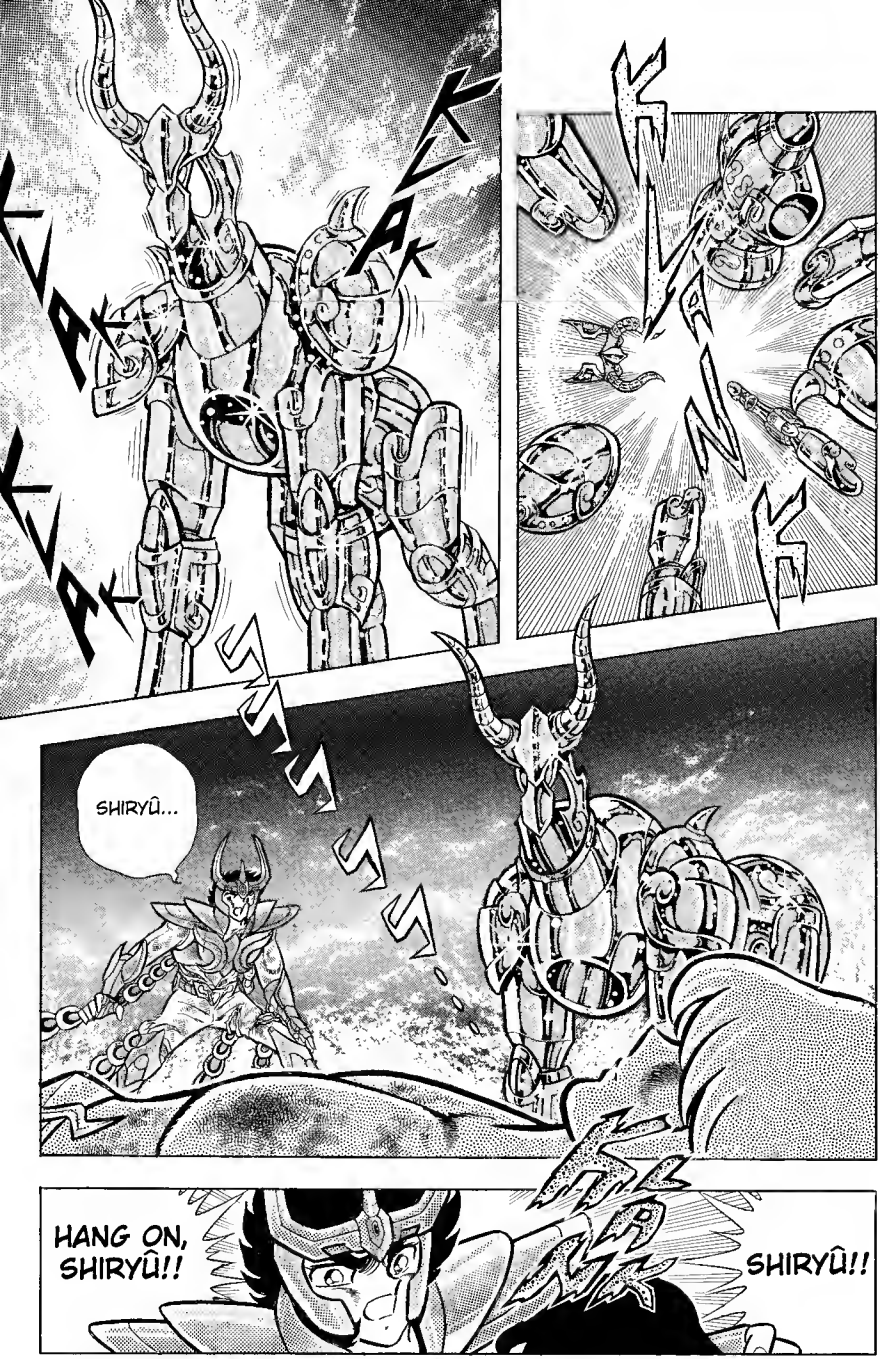

H-HE'S STRONG... TOO STRONG...
WHAT AN INCREDIBLE MAN...


DIE, SEIYA!!
WHAT? THE CLOTH! IT'S WEEPING...
THE FACE OF JUSTICE IS WEEPING!!



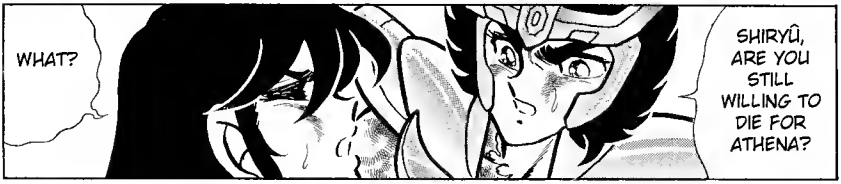

THE LAST FLAME WILL GO OUT IN JUST A FEW MINUTES!!
WHAT'S THIS!?
A GOLD CLOTH IS FALLING FROM THE SKY!!
DON'T YOU DIE YET, SEIYA!!
SEIYA, I'M COMING!
OH!


IT'S THE CAPRI-CORN CLOTH!
THEN IT MUST BE SHURA...
WHAT?
WHY DID SHIRYÛ FALL FROM THE SKY CLAD IN THE CAPRICORN CLOTH!?
IT'S SHIRYÛ!


KYA
KYA
KYA
KYA
SHIRYÛ...
HANG ON, SHIRYÛ!!
SHIRYÛ!!


IF I HADN'T BEEN PROTECTED BY A GOLD CLOTH, I WOULD'VE BEEN DISINTEGRATED BY MY OWN ASCENDANT DRAGON BLOW...
I...I DON'T KNOW... SHURA WAS REPENTING FOR HAVING CONSPIRED WITH THE MASTER. MAYBE HE PUT HIS CLOTH ON ME...
HMM...SO SHURA SAVED YOU...


UNH... IKKI?
SHIRYÛ, WHY ARE YOU WEARING THE CAPRICORN CLOTH? WHAT HAPPENED TO SHURA?


WHAT?
SHIRYÛ, ARE YOU STILL WILLING TO DIE FOR ATHENA?


SHIRYÛ...
AND AS LONG AS THERE'S LIFE IN ME, I'LL TRY TO DRAG MYSELF THERE TO HELP SEIYA TOO...

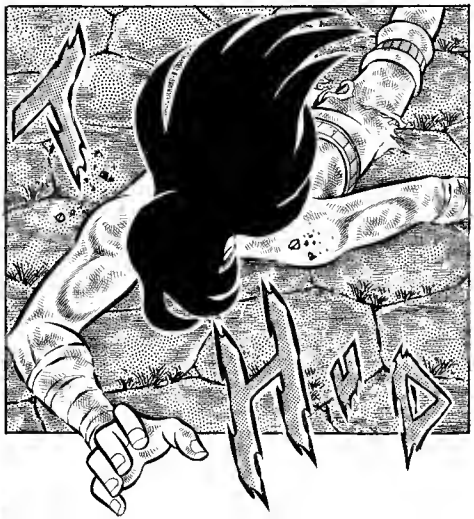

...BUT SEIYA IS FIGHTING THE MASTER ALL BY HIMSELF, AND TIME IS RUNNING OUT! I HAVE TO HELP HIM!
IF I TAKE CARE OF YOU RIGHT NOW, YOUR LIFE MIGHT BE SAVED...

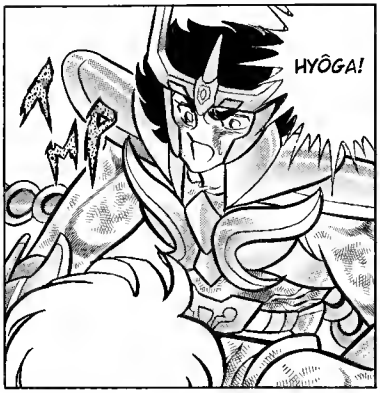

GO HELP SEIYA...
HEH... THEN GO, IKKI, PLEASE...

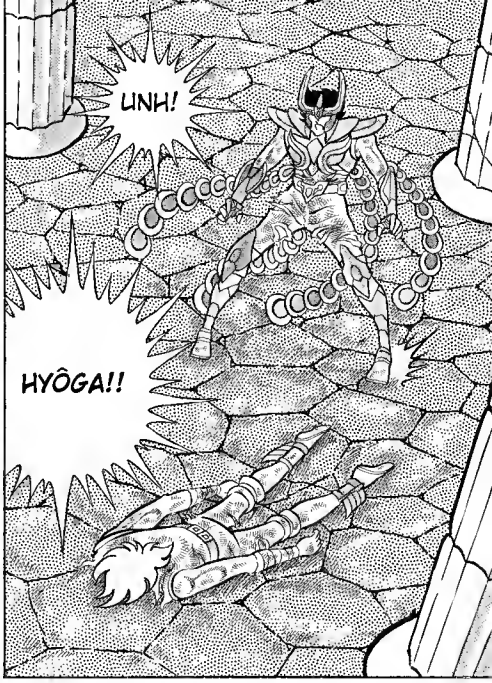

FAREWELL, MY BROTHER!!


THE NEXT PALACE!
THE PALACE OF THE JEWELED URN!!


I SWEAR I'LL FOLLOW... I... I SWEAR IT...
IKKI... I'M COUNTING ON YOU...


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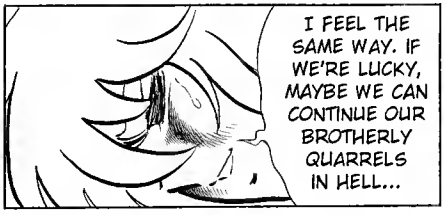

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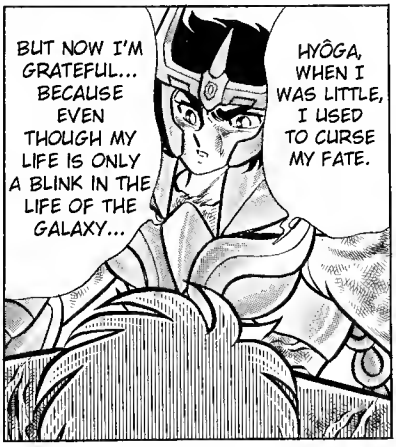

UNH!
HYÔGA!!


I-IKKI... IS THAT YOU?


I'LL FOLLOW AFTER YOU... HURRY...
ARE WE WINNING? IF IT'S NOT OVER YET, THEN HURRY ON...DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME...

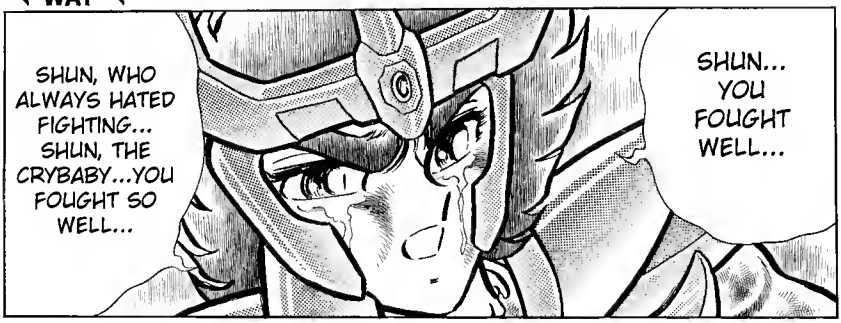

...I WAS BLESSED TO HAVE YOU AND THE OTHER KNIGHTS FOR MY BROTHERS.

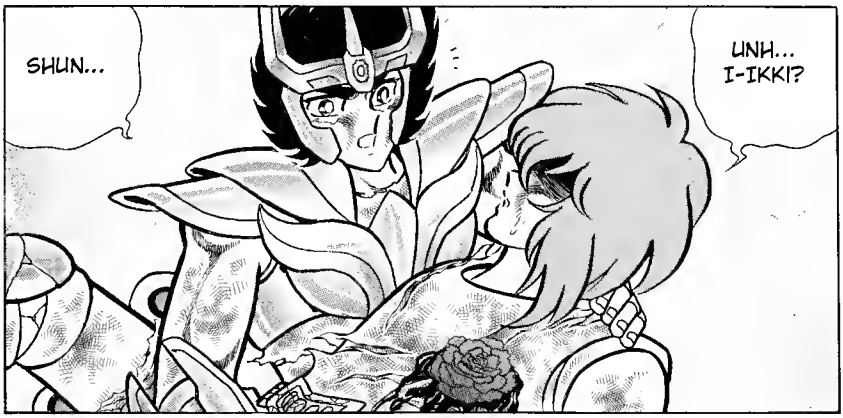

I FEEL THE SAME WAY. IF WE'RE LUCKY, MAYBE WE CAN CONTINUE OUR BROTHERLY QUARRELS IN HELL...


HYÔGA, WHEN I WAS LITTLE, I USED TO CURSE MY FATE.
BUT NOW I'M GRATEFUL... BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH MY LIFE IS ONLY A BLINK IN THE LIFE OF THE GALAXY...


READ THIS WAY
I-IKKI, IT'S UP TO YOU NOW...
I'LL GET THERE TOO, IF I CAN...
SWUMP
FAREWELL, MY BROTHER!!
THE PALACE OF THE TWIN FISH IS NEXT!
THEN I'LL BE AT THE MASTER'S CHAMBER!!


UNH!
SHU...
SHUN!!


SHUN, WHO ALWAYS HATED FIGHTING... SHUN, THE CRYBABY...YOU FOUGHT SO WELL...
SHUN... YOU FOUGHT WELL...


SHUN...
UNH... I-IKKI?


SHUN, IN THE END, I WAS THE BIGGEST COWARD OF ALL...
DON'T BE SILLY! SEIYA SAID SOMETHING LIKE THAT TOO, BUT I WASN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO SUFFERED.


DON'T TALK, SHUN. IT'LL MAKE YOUR HEART BLEED WORSE...
B-BIG BROTHER, YOU'RE ALIVE...I... I'M SO GLAD, I...


C-CAN YOU FORGIVE ME?
N-NO...I HAVE TO SAY THIS. I'M SORRY THAT YOU SUFFERED HELLISH TORMENT BECAUSE OF MY WEAKNESS...

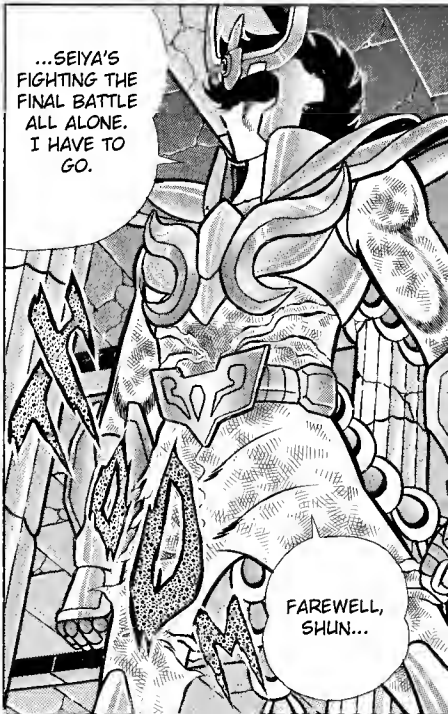

...YOU'LL ALWAYS BE MY BIG BROTHER...

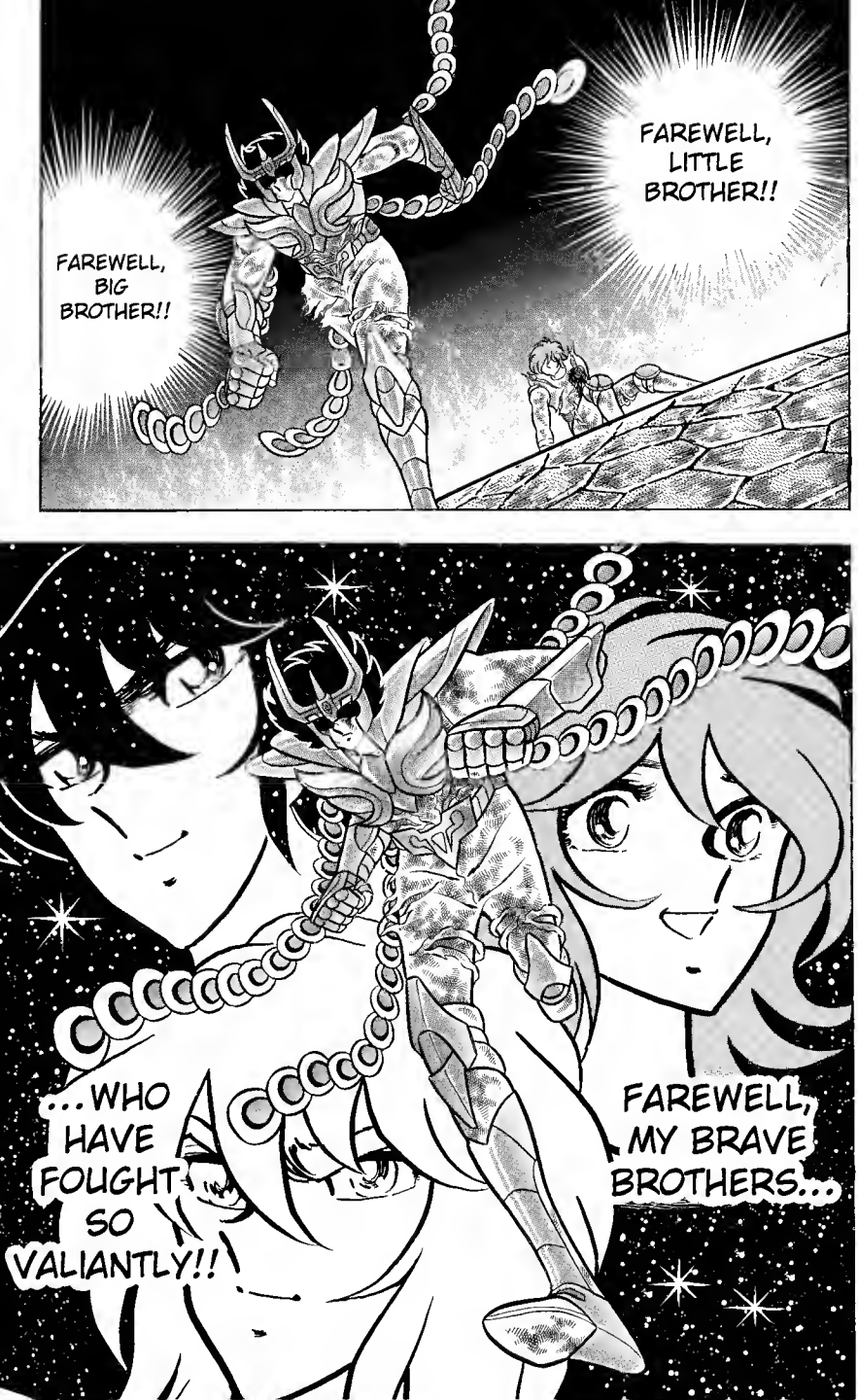

I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD BE BEGGING YOUR FORGIVENESS. I REBELLED AGAINST ATHENA. CAN YOU FORGIVE ME FOR TRYING TO KILL YOU, MY BROTHER?
HEH...FORGIVE? I NEVER THOUGHT OF YOU AS AN ENEMY...


SHUN...


DON'T GET KILLED, IKKI. I'LL FOLLOW YOU...
...AND SO WILL SHIRYÛ AND HYÔGA...


HEH.


...SEIYA'S FIGHTING THE FINAL BATTLE ALL ALONE. I HAVE TO GO.
FAREWELL, SHUN...


FAREWELL, BIG BROTHER!!
FAREWELL, LITTLE BROTHER!!
...WHO HAVE FOUGHT SO VALIANTLY!!
FAREWELL, MY BRAVE BROTHERS...


RIDICULOUS! WHAT ARE YOU CRYING FOR?
WHAT ARE YOU SO SAD ABOUT?
GEMINI'S FACE OF JUSTICE IS CRYING!!
SHOULDN'T THE POWERFUL RULE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH!?
WHY SHOULDN'T I CONQUER THE EARTH!?
SINCE THE HEAVENS AND THE EARTH WERE BORN, COUNTLESS EVIL BEINGS, AND EVEN GODS...
IF NOT FOR THE STRONG, THIS WORLD WOULD'VE FALLEN LONG AGO!!

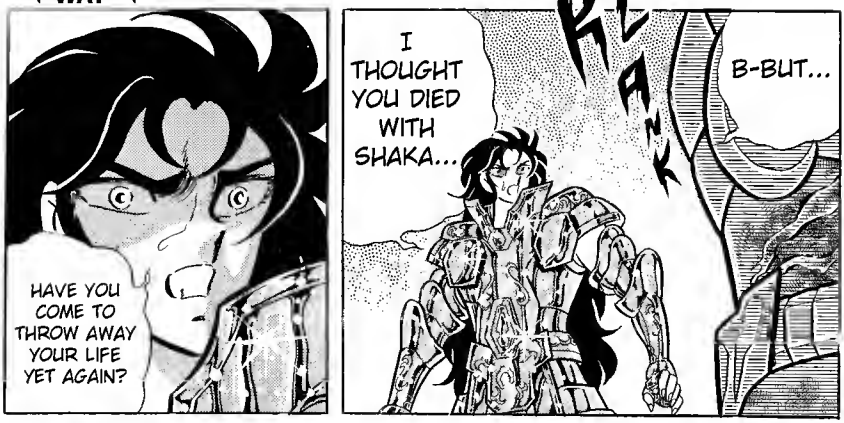

THAT LITTLE WENCH PRINCESS SIENNA CANNOT PROTECT IT!!
...ZEUS OF THE HEAVENS, POSEIDON OF THE SEAS, AND HADES OF THE UNDERWORLD...
...HAVE TRIED TO SUBJUGATE THIS WORLD AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY!
UNLESS SOMEONE WITH STRENGTH RIVALING THEIR OWN RULES THE EARTH...
...THEY WILL INVADE AND DESTROY IT!!
IT IS I WHO AM THE SAVIOR OF THIS ERA!!


AND I WILL KILL ANYONE WHO TRIES TO THWART ME!!
NO MATTER WHO IT IS!!
SEIYA! YOU SAID THAT AS LONG AS YOU STILL HAD LIFE, YOU WOULD FLARE YOUR COSMO AND FIGHT!
THE FLAME OF AN ORDINARY MAN'S LIFE WOULD ALREADY HAVE BEEN SNUFFED OUT, BUT IT SEEMS YOU WON'T DIE SO EASILY.


DIE, SEIYA!!
IF I CUT OFF YOUR HEAD, EVEN YOU WON'T RISE AGAIN!
HUP
BUT YOU'VE CAUSED ME ENOUGH TROUBLE! I'LL END YOUR WORTHLESS LIFE NOW!
UNH...
SAY YOUR PRAYERS ...
AA




TO BE CONTINUED IN VOLUME 13!


HAVE YOU COME TO THROW AWAY YOUR LIFE YET AGAIN?
I THOUGHT YOU DIED WITH SHAKA...
KLANK
B-BUT...


...BUT I WON'T LET YOU HAVE ATHENA'S!
HOWEVER MANY LIVES I HAVE, YOU MAY TRY TO TAKE THEM...